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Warm Snuggles in Minden

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Highlands East at Odds Over Fire Department Infrastructure

"How do we justify this?"

(Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie)

The deadline for the next round of applications for the Community Adjustment Fund forming part of Canada's Action Plan to ensure a quick recovery from the current economic downturn is rapidly approaching, but the Highlands East Council are still at odds over the approach they want to take to replace their existing firehalls.

While Council has tentatively agreed that several of their firehalls need to be replaced and even amalgamated, they have not had the opportunity to take a detailed look at the cost of doing so. Fire Chief Bill Wingrove has been working behind the scenes on costing out a new building and the figures only came to Council's attention at their meeting on January 11th.

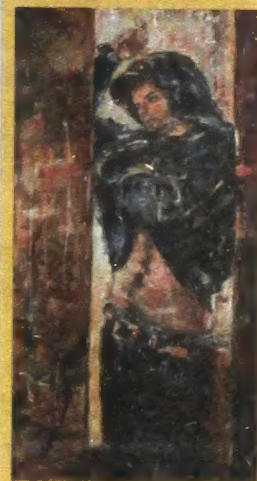
Unfortunately, Wingrove was not able to attend the meeting due to illness and detailed calculations and drawings were not available other than a total cost of \$1 million dollars.

CAO Stoughton-Craig advised Council that she had spoken with Wayne Patterson from Jewell Engineering who reviewed the figures and drawings and said that the municipality had a good case to apply for a firehall. Jewell had prepared the application for the municipality pending Council's approval and according to the CAO, funding for the project could be as high as 90 percent of the overall cost.

When asked by Deputy Reeve Mackie how they would justify a firehall under an economic development initiative, Stoughton-Craig said that it was considered an economic benefit to the community in that there would be better services. As an example she said that the new firehall would provide space for an ambulance to be based in the community. She said, "Better medical attention and better insurance rates will encourage more people to come here."

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Haliburton EMS Helps Haitian Relief Effort

Submitted by Haliburton EMS Director Pat Kennedy

The Haliburton County EMS has contributed a pick up full of much needed medical supplies and surplus equipment to the relief effort in Haiti.

This initiative has been spearheaded by Blaine Bates, a Durham Region paramedic whose mother, Linda Bates, is the current President and Projects Co-ordinator for the World Council of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship.

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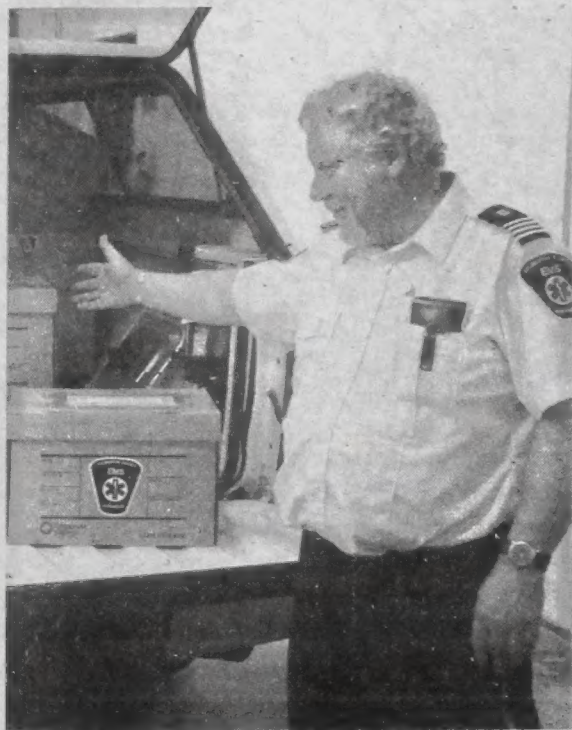
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EMS paramedic Larry Blanchard loads up the truck

Over the past few years Mrs. Bates has lead relief efforts in Haiti, more specifically, in a village north-east of Port-au-Prince called Cité Soleil, where her group has built and supplied two schools, as well as a medical clinic.

On January 24, her group will be returning to Cité Soleil, only this time to provide aid in the wake of last weeks earthquake. She has been in contact with a Fellowship liaison in the village and help has yet to arrive.

As they are a recognized United Nations group, they are guaranteed safe and escorted travel.

Durham Region EMS sent out a request to their neighbouring services to solicit surplus medical supplies and equipment that could be donated to the effort. They are providing a truck and trailer to transport the donated supplies to Kingston on Friday. The supplies and the team of 10 aid workers will then be flown to the Dominican Republic on Sunday, then transported (20 hour ground trip) to Cité Soleil expecting to arrive by Tuesday, January 26th. Air Canada has waived all cargo weight restrictions for this flight. ■

Severance Application on Kennisis River Raises Concerns

By Liz Danielsen

Being able to do something once, doesn't necessarily mean you can do it again. During their regular meeting this month, the Dysart Council considered a second request by Merrill Barry to sever a large parcel of land along the Kennisis River where the river enters the lake. The problem? Both resulting parcels of land would be slightly under the minimum size requirement of 20 hectares or 49.4 acres.

Barry was successful in severing his holdings along the river into two parcels during 2006. Despite the fact that the severed parcel of land was only 45.93 acres, the Land Division Committee agreed to a minor variance that accommodated the reduced lot size.

The Kennisis River is fairly narrow along the parcel that Barry now wishes to sever and previous site evaluation reports conducted prior to development directly across the river have identified its sensitivity and an extensive type one fish habitat. This translates into the fact that it may prove difficult to gain approval for docking facilities for the severed parcels of land.

Discussions about the application held at a meeting in December resulted in Councillor Janis Parker being asked to speak with members of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association to determine what concerns, if any, existed about the request. Parker confirmed that there were no comments or concerns from the KLCOA.

In her report to Council, Municipal Planner Pat Martin recommended against approving the application given that the lots would not meet minimum size requirements and because of the fish habitat in place, but she provided a list of conditions that should be imposed should Council decide to look at the request favourably despite her recommendation.

Fearrey, considering the size of the lots, suggested that Council could be a bit creative by simply imposing increased setbacks.

Paul Wilson, who was present to speak on behalf of the owner, commented that he assumed the Council would allow docking facilities provided that studies were done to ensure there was no impact. Parker reported that, in discussion with Barry, she had learned the first severed lot did not have a dock and the second lot was on the widest portion of the river, negating fish habitat issues, but Martin commented that docking facilities require a lot of inspection/enforcement by the municipality.

Martin said, "Council will have to decide if opening up river lots that don't have road access will be acceptable, particularly when they are less than the minimum size. You will be changing a policy that will bring others in with the same argument." Martin also cautioned that consultants preparing the site evaluation report may recommend no docking facilities at all as a condition of approval.

Wilson suggested having the site evaluation report completed prior to Council's decision. Fearrey said, "That might be risky. You would have to have a commitment from us that if the report comes back positive we will support the application, and we can't promise that."

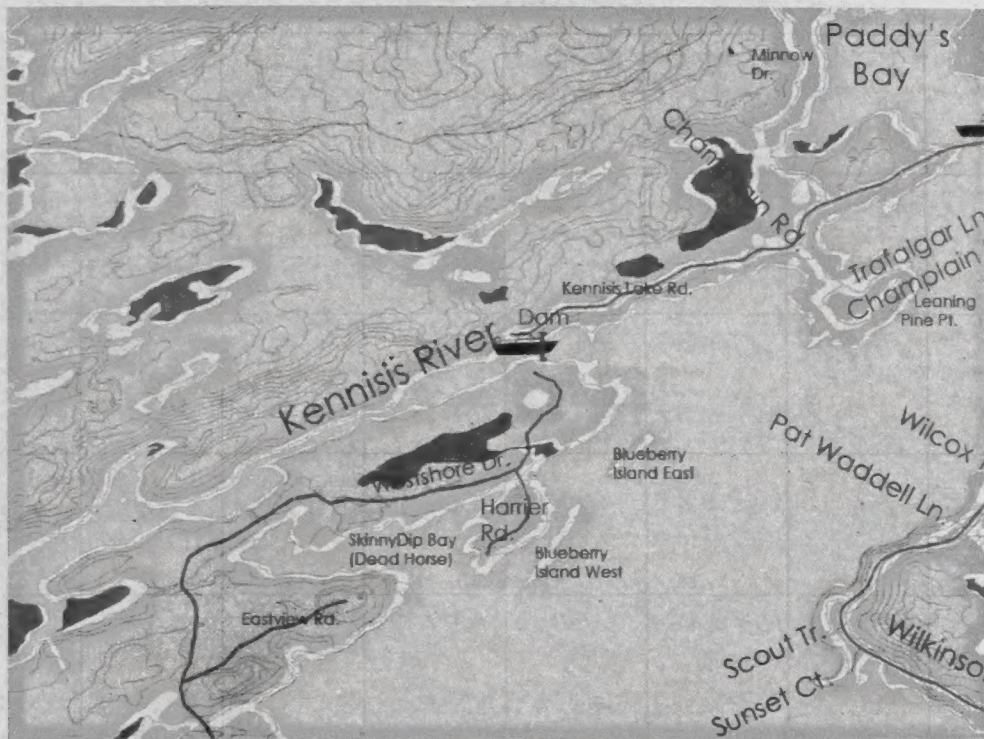
Wilson felt strongly that docking facilities should be allowed on both sides of the river. Responding to Fearrey's earlier suggestion of increased setbacks, he also commented that any development would then be too far back for a waterfront view. Martin also confirmed that there was a ridge in place that would negate a view of the river.

Parker suggested extending the boundaries into the adjacent piece of land owned by Barry to include a wider portion of the river which could resolve concerns about fish habitat. Several positive comments were made about proceeding with a study prior to Council's approval, particularly as there was no opposition coming from the cottage association.

Martin reiterated the fact that she was obligated to follow the Official Plan and that she could not provide a planning report supporting the application. "It's up to Council to make that call." In response to a comment from Wilson, Fearrey concurred with Martin saying, "She is responsible to protect our policies and we will have to do our best to decide."

But Martin did confirm that she would take direction from Council and if they supported the request she would process the application.

Without having made any commitments, Council finally agreed to allow the site evaluation report to be completed prior to their making a decision on this request. ■



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SATURDAY



Partly cloudy and seasonable

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SUNDAY



Cloudy with rain likely

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MONDAY



Colder with snow showers

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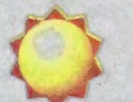
TUESDAY



Chilly with snow showers

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WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and seasonable

▲ -3° ▼ -11°

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City	Today Hi/Low/Octk	Friday Hi/Low/Octk	Saturday Hi/Low/Octk	City	Today Hi/Low/Octk	Friday Hi/Low/Octk	Saturday Hi/Low/Octk
Acapulco	31/23/su	31/22/su	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	28/22/ts	28/21/sh	32/27/su
Antigua	29/23/sh	29/23/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	28/22/pc	27/21/sh	31/28/sh
Barbados	30/25/su	31/26/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/23/pc	32/23/sh	33/26/cl
Bermuda	20/16/cl	19/16/ra	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	29/22/su	30/22/su	29/23/na
Cancun	29/22/su	31/23/su	32/26/na	St Thomas	28/23/ra	28/22/sh	28/23/pc
Curacao	33/26/su	33/25/su	31/24/ts	St Maarten	28/22/sh	28/23/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	26/20/pc	27/21/sh	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/21/pc	28/20/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	29/22/pc	29/22/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	28/22/sh	28/22/sh	29/22/su
Havana	27/18/sh	27/18/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	32/20/su	33/20/su	32/22/su
Key West	26/20/pc	26/20/sh	26/21/pc	Santo Domingo	31/21/sh	32/22/sh	33/26/su
Kingston	29/23/ts	28/23/sh	33/32/su	Trinidad	30/22/su	30/22/pc	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Octk	Friday Hi/Low/Octk	Saturday Hi/Low/Octk	Sunday Hi/Low/Octk	Monday Hi/Low/Octk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Octk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Octk
Bancroft	-1/-10/su	-4/-12/pc	-2/-11/su	3/-3/ra	-1/-12/sn	-6/-12/sn	-3/-11/su
Barrie	-1/-9/pc	-3/-11/pc	-7/-9/su	4/-2/ra	-1/-12/sn	-6/-11/sn	-3/-10/su
Dorset	-1/-10/su	-4/-12/pc	-2/-11/su	3/-3/ra	-1/-12/sn	-6/-12/sn	-3/-11/su
Haliburton	-1/-9/pc	-4/-12/pc	-2/-11/su	3/-3/ra	-1/-12/sn	-6/-12/sn	-3/-11/su
Huntsville	-1/-10/su	-4/-12/pc	-2/-11/su	3/-3/ra	-1/-12/sn	-6/-12/sn	-3/-11/su
Kingston	0/-7/pc	-2/-11/pc	0/-8/su	4/-1/ra	1/-9/sn	-4/-11/sn	-2/-9/su
Lindsay	-1/-9/pc	-3/-11/pc	-2/-9/su	4/-2/ra	0/-11/sn	-6/-11/sn	-3/-10/su
Minden	-1/-9/pc	-4/-12/pc	-2/-11/su	3/-3/ra	-1/-12/sn	-6/-12/sn	-3/-11/su
Oshawa	0/-7/pc	-2/-10/pc	1/-8/su	4/-1/ra	1/-9/sn	-4/-11/sn	-1/-9/su
Ottawa	-7/-9/su	-3/-11/pc	-6/-12/su	1/-5/mx	-2/-11/sn	-6/-13/sn	-4/-11/pc
Toronto	0/-7/pc	-1/-9/pc	1/-7/su	4/-1/ra	1/-9/sn	-4/-10/sn	-1/-8/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Octk	Friday Hi/Low/Octk	Saturday Hi/Low/Octk	Sunday Hi/Low/Octk	Monday Hi/Low/Octk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Octk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Octk
Calgary	-1/-12/cl	0/-9/sf	-3/-10/sf	-2/-11/cl	-1/-10/cl	0/-9/cl	-1/-11/sf
Edmonton	-4/-13/sf	-3/-9/cl	-4/-11/cl	-6/-13/cl	-6/-14/cl	-7/-17/sf	-9/-21/sf
Fredericton	-2/-7/pc	-3/-12/su	-5/-14/pc	-4/-13/pc	-2/-11/sn	-3/-11/sn	-4/-13/sn
Halifax	-1/-6/pc	-1/-7/pc	-3/-9/cl	-2/-8/pc	2/-4/ra	0/-7/mx	-1/-8/sn
Montreal	-2/-7/su	-3/-10/pc	-4/-11/su	0/-6/mx	-3/-11/sn	-6/-12/sn	-7/-12/pc
Regina	-1/-9/cl	-2/-9/sf	-1/-9/sn	-2/-11/sn	-3/-12/cl	-2/-11/cl	-3/-13/sf
St. John's	-1/-8/sf	-6/-12/su	-6/-12/sn	-4/-10/pc	-3/-7/sn	-2/-8/sn	-3/-9/sn
Saskatoon	-3/-11/sn	-3/-11/sf	-3/-11/sn	-6/-13/cl	-6/-13/pc	-6/-13/sf	-7/-18/sf
Vancouver	7/4/sh	8/3/sh	8/8/sh	13/9/sh	13/8/sh	13/7/ra	12/7/sh
Whitehorse	-9/-15/cl	-9/-15/cl	-9/-16/cl	-9/-14/cl	-8/-13/cl	-8/-14/sn	-9/-16/sn
Winnipeg	-3/-10/cl	-2/-9/cl	0/-7/mx	-2/-10/sn	-3/-12/sn	-2/-11/pc	-3/-13/sf

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Sunday 1/17	0°C	-6°C	0.8 mm
Saturday 1/16	0°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Friday 1/15	1°C	-3°C	0.1 mm
Thursday 1/14	2°C	-5°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 1/13	-2°C	-11°C	0.2 mm
Tuesday 1/12	-8°C	-13°C	0.1 mm

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Sat.	7:43 a.m./5:09 p.m.	10:53 a.m./1:00 a.m.
Sun.	7:42 a.m./5:11 p.m.	11:26 a.m./2:10 a.m.
Mon.	7:41 a.m./5:12 p.m.	12:08 p.m./3:21 a.m.
Tues.	7:40 a.m./5:13 p.m.	1:02 p.m./4:29 a.m.
Wed.	7:39 a.m./5:15 p.m.	2:10 p.m./5:31 a.m.

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Portraits of our Hockey Heroes



Dysart to Honour Duchene

Dysart Council has decided to honour Haliburton's own, Colorado Avalanche rookie Matt Duchene by adding his image to the side of the Dysart Arena. Duchene will join former Pittsburgh Penguin Defenceman Ron Stackhouse and prolific goal scorer Bernie Nicholls, both of West Guilford. Dysart staff are currently considering just how to decide who will be offered the job of painting Duchene's image onto the Arena wall.

This week Duchene, the third pick overall in last June's NHL draft, became the NHL's leading rookie scorer, surpassing the likes of number one pick John Tavares by one point. ■



RUNNING ON EMPTIES

Beer Store, Liquor Outlet Make it Easier to Support School Nutrition Programs

When returning their empties in January, local residents can help ensure students in Haliburton County do not run on empty at school.

This month, the Gooderham Liquor Store and Haliburton Beer Store will make it easy for people to make donations to the Food For Kids program. Haliburton County Food For Kids is the organization that raises funds to support school nutrition programs, which help students get enough to eat so they can learn in class.

Throughout January, when people bring back empty beer and liquor bottles to the Gooderham Liquor Store, the deposits will be donated to Food For Kids. Anyone who returns their empty bottles outside of business hours can place them at the back of the Gooderham Liquor Store.

At the Beer Store in Haliburton Village, a donation box will be set up during the month of January. Customers are encouraged to donate their deposit refunds to Food For Kids.

"When children are hungry, their learning suffers in the classroom," says Rosie Kadwell, a member of Food For Kids. "This initiative helps turn empties into food, and is another great example of how the community can work together to ensure students in Haliburton County are well fed and ready to learn."

Each week in Haliburton County, school nutrition programs provide more than 3,500 breakfasts or snacks to local students. Nutrition programs are free for students, and participation is voluntary. Studies show that when students have access to safe and nutritious food, their learning is improved in the classroom. ■

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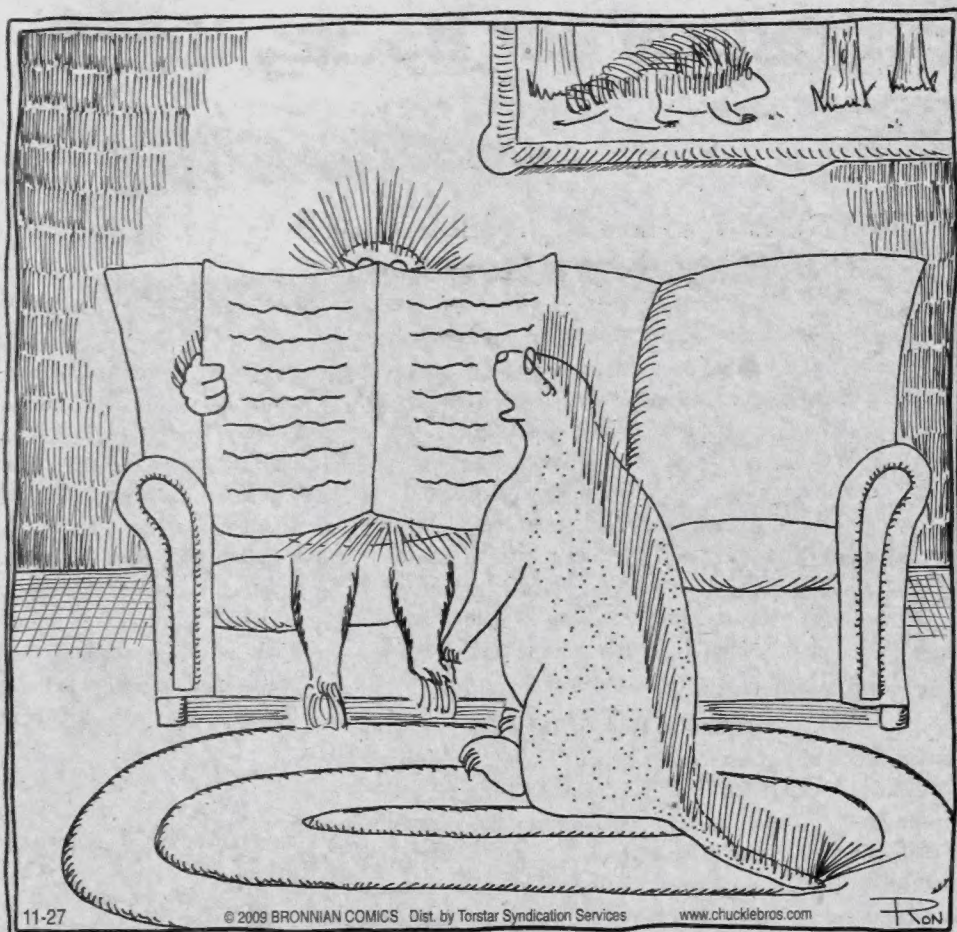
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"... I would want to press Mr. Devolin for answers to the following questions."

Doubtless there is rejoicing in heaven when a newspaper publisher ascends to the rank of an elder statesman, dispensing balanced and dispassionate judgments to the right and to the left, as Mr. Patrick does in his editorial dated January 14. Unfortunately this leaves investigative reporting to the other publishers in the community, who must get out there and wrestle a story to the ground.

In passing on the Taylor fiasco in his high-minded fashion, Mr. Patrick for one thing failed to get my credentials right. I am a homeopath, not a naturopath, so please, people, don't come flocking to me for vitamins, supplements and herbal concoctions. Secondly, how can Mr. Patrick know that I distributed the information "cheerfully" to the media, if he chose not to contact me about it? Was my letter, published in the Minden Times for December 30, a cheerful document?

Unlike the Minden Times and the Lindsay Post, Mr. Patrick has chosen not to confront our elected representative on the grounds that "lunatic staffer quotes can happen to any politician in any party, and generally mean nothing." Even though Mr. Devolin has gone on record as supporting various reactionary causes, Mr. Patrick assures us with minatory rhetoric "that [n]o one in their right minds [sic] thinks for a second" that Mr. Devolin supports his staffer's views. Here Mr. Patrick is foreclosing an investigative opportunity, for there is good reason to believe, post-Copenhagen, that the Conservative Party is a veritable hive of climate-change deniers - and Mr. Devolin may well be one of them on the sly.

If I were a reporter with Mr. Patrick's leverage, I would want to press Mr. Devolin for answers to the following questions:

How is it possible that Mr. Taylor could be under your employ for five years without your learning of his lunatic views?

If you knew of his views, why didn't you do something about it?

If you didn't know of his views, what kind of a ship are you running?

Would the likes of Mr. Taylor survive even one week working at the Liberal or NDP constituency offices?

On a scale of one to ten, what, Mr. Devolin, is your level of concern about global warming?

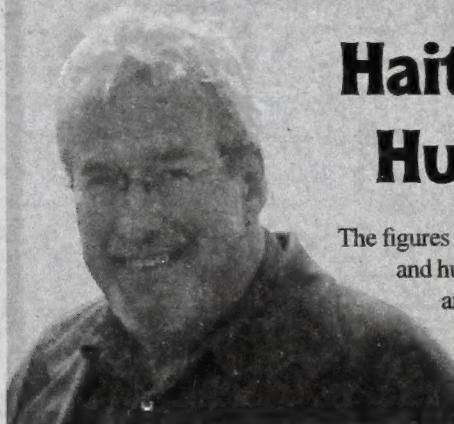
Yes, we do need our elder statesmen, but likely not when extinguishing a house fire.

Doug Smith ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Haiti, History, and Human Tragedy



The figures are staggering: perhaps as many as 200,000 dead, and hundreds of thousands more left homeless, starving, and seemingly without hope. For those of us who hold a deep and special affection, even love, for the tortured and complex nation of Haiti, the images were more than distressing: it was almost like seeing a civilization, a people destroyed. The chaos and the loss resonated

immediately around the world: last Thursday, at a "Leaders Prayer Breakfast", MP Barry Devolin was almost overcome with emotion as he urged the 120 or so attendees to give whatever they could to assist the aid effort. Within minutes over \$1400 had been donated.

I spent a considerable and intense amount of time over three years in Haiti in the early 1980s, when popular opposition to the autocratic rule of Jean-Claude (Bebe Doc) Duvalier began to surge. In the 1970s it had seemed, briefly, as if the country's history of oppression and dictatorship by the country's corrupt elite might just be broken. But it wasn't to be, and in 1986 the Duvalier's, but not the elite's, grip on the country had been broken.

Haiti was and is at once a stark, almost brutal place, and at the same time a beacon of civilization, art and culture. The Haitian expatriate psychiatrist and prize-winning poet Joel Des Rosiers, told the CBC on the weekend that the predominate feature of Haitian society was that it was a nation of artists, whose brave revolutionary history and overlapping religions had over the centuries somehow blurred the difference between life and death, producing a culture of mysticism, light, and deep mystery. It's easy to see Haiti as simply another third world basket case, but that view masks its long and honourable history as the first black republic in the western hemisphere, and the only republic established through a slave revolt. The defeat of Napoleon's forces by the 'gens du couleur', in which the French lost 50,000 men, was finally achieved in 1806. The new republic was also a prime inspiration to and supporter of Simon Bolivar's successful campaigns to liberate South America from the Spanish.

Over the centuries the mingling of traditional European Roman Catholicism with African religious traditions gave birth to a form of worship and social interaction unique in the world. The Catholic cathedral in Port au Prince, with its huge, open doors, priests in white silk mingling with hookers and traders or all types, transported visitors practically to the Middle Ages - and at the same time created a kind of tolerant wonder, and respect. Dr. Des Rosiers, who's a direct descendant of one of the original signatories of Haiti's Act of Independence 200 years ago, points to the economic destruction of the independent nation by the European and American powers in the 19th century, and the occupation by American forces from 1915 to 1934 as the prime reasons for his birth country's continued oppression by its elite. But he also sees the terrible calamity of last week's earthquake as a chance for fundamental change and renewal. The world, and artists everywhere, can only hope he's right.

Getting Straight with the Pols

Doug Smith takes serious exception to this paper's decision not to pursue the ranting Tory loonie story last week, which I understand, given how delicious it is for any partisan to observe an opponent's discomfort with his troop's indiscretions. For the record, I apologize to Dr. Smith, a homeopath, for calling him a naturopath, although, by the way, I must point out that I am not and never have been the publisher of the Voice. Just a simple editor, plugging along. I'm also curious how one phone call to our MP qualifies as 'investigative journalism', but perhaps standards have slipped since the days of Ron Haggart, I. F. Stone, Woodward, Bernstein, et al. I'm also curious to know whether or not the story would ever have been pursued, to the extent it was, had the offending staffer been an out-of-office Liberal, say, or God forbid, some kind of socialist. But perhaps indeed I was wrong: our readers need a good laugh in the third week of January, and at least the 'dialogue' between Dr. Smith and the Tory ranter provided that. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"All of these costs fall 100 percent on township ratepayers ..."

Recently, we have been reminded of some of the reasons that the council of Algonquin Highlands should be undertaking a full and open re-assessment of the airport expansion project.

Council was informed, in an in-camera meeting on January 6th, about matters concerning "... litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality and to receive advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to the previous expropriation of lands adjacent to the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport...". Much of the public will be surprised that eighteen months after passing a bylaw to expropriate lands, the township is continuing to spend undisclosed sums on lawyers and consultants to complete arrangements for the key piece of land required for the construction of the proposed second runway. And eighteen months later, neither the public nor the council knows how much this one item will finally cost.

Documents obtained from the OMB clearly indicate that issues beyond the fair price for expropriated land are in play; issues that will also be pertinent to discussions still to be initiated with numerous other land-owners who will have to be compensated for access, easements and "injurious affection". I'm sure that nobody can blame those who are or will be subject to the loss or devaluation of their lands for fighting, either to keep them or to receive fair compensation; after all, this might be any of us.

There has never been a firm estimate or line item in any township budget for the costs of land and "access agreements" required for the expansion, but an amount of \$475,000 noted in the 2006 and 2007 "Business Vision" documents is a figure fast disappearing in the rear-view. All of these costs fall 100 percent on township ratepayers as they are not covered in any shared funding arrangement.

In the matter of the environmental assessment process, it should be clear after more than six months of the current preliminary screening, that this is not the mere formality that some members of council had apparently been led to believe. We were all informed at the public session held by the CEAA last July that the process could take months or even years. It is important that we all remember that the news our Reeve and the rest of us are waiting to hear will be only an initial report on information submitted; it will very likely require further work and information from the township and its' consultants due to the many and well presented objections from the public. And it will be subject to at least one further round of public review and input prior to any reception of a final report which may or may not result in the Certificate of Environmental Assessment required for the release of funds and commencement of construction.

At the very least, we can all expect that a minimum of three more months beyond the publication of the preliminary report to pass before a Certificate can be expected. While this may very well mean that the funding deadline will not be met and portions of the project could die as a result, the EA process is not and must not be concerned with this sort of consideration. It might be interesting to hear where the project sits among the thousands of others in the line-up for approval, but we must certainly hope that nobody will be adding any pressure or influence to speed the work at the expense of protection of our environment.

The extra, unbudgeted spending that may be required to satisfy any insufficiencies that are likely to be noted are beyond the ability of any of us to guess. In spite of the fact that all of this has long been known, and has been pointed out to our council, there is still no estimate or provision for costs that will result from an ill-prepared initial plan. We can be forgiven, perhaps, for feeling that death by delay might be the very best thing that could happen.

Council is beginning discussions on the 2010 budget this week and this is the time for a full, honest and open review of the financial costs and other impacts of this project. A new CAO with no history as an enthusiastic airport booster may be more likely to help council with just that.

If the project clears all of the many hurdles in front of it before time runs out, the very few costs that we do know something about will be enormous; Interest and principle repayment costs for the nearly \$1.2 million of borrowing required for the township's one third of the project costs will range from \$80,000 per year over thirty years to \$155,000 per year over ten years, depending on payment options; Operating costs (essentially net losses) averaging nearly \$100,000 per year can be expected to increase by at least 50percent with the doubling of the facility size and the requirement for greater staffing.

This means that, not including property costs, study, engineering and reporting costs that may be required by the CEAA and legal fees...the cost to keep up an expanded airport will rise from around 3.5 percent of average annual budgets to 9 percent or higher and for many years to come. All this in the face of potential county tax increases of 10 to 17 percent this year!

Other than the hope for increased usage and fuel sales there is nothing at all in the current project to help offset these costs.

If none of the above, added to the fact that the project has little or no solid support among ratepayers or neighbouring councils, is sufficient to convince this council to reconsider advancing this expansion project, they should at least have some consideration for the next council and the administrators of the future. A number of current councillors - possibly even the majority - will not be standing in this year's election, which means that those councillors, at least, will avoid both being held to account at the polls for repercussions and the responsibility of deciding which more generally beneficial services will have to be cut to service debts and pay for the maintenance of a single, large and unnecessary facility of very narrow utility.

It is difficult to imagine anything less in keeping with responsible democratic behaviour, and we, the people, must make it known to the council that this is no longer acceptable.

There is still time, and there has always been more than enough reason, to limit this project to the rehabilitation that has been green-lighted and which will cost ratepayers, directly, far less than what has already been shoved at a family who would far rather have kept their land.

Andy Muirhead

Little Cameron Lake, Stanhope
(Where the elephants roam) ■

Dear Editor:

"It is good news to hear Highlands East has a surplus, however with all the cutbacks we will have to be more fiscally responsible."

It is or should be no surprise that cutbacks to municipalities from upper levels of government would be forthcoming. To think all those incentive programs and funding were free was a pipe dream. There is no such thing as a handout. There are always strings and ramifications attached. Cuts in social programs and equalization payments is a given. Let us not forget the Federal and Provincial Governments are dealing with serious deficits and to reduce such comes at a cost to lower tier governments. There is a reason to rave about the HST. Heating oil and gas will include an additional eight percent after July 1, 2010 and will bring with it added costs for every municipal complex and vehicle. These extra expenses will have an impact on budget deliberations and to think such expenses are minor is being naive. In light of all these factors, to consider an elaborate new municipal office and fire hall in or near Wilberforce is unrealistic and absurd. Yes our priorities are realigning fire halls, however a more feasible and reasonable analysis must be initiated. In my opinion a new municipal building is not a priority. The consultant was hired to deal with fire hall issues not the building of a new municipal office. There were influencing factors to his comment in order to substantiate the ill fated interests of a few.

It is good news to hear Highlands East has a surplus, however with all the cutbacks we will have to be more fiscally responsible.

Yes there was a lack of the public taking advantage of their voting power in the last municipal election in Ward 3 - Gooderham. With the fiasco pertaining to the illegal generators and video cameras; flip flopping over the asphalt plant issue and doctors' office, and discussions to close the post office and library in Gooderham one can only hope the voting public will become more involved and take this election more seriously. Ones' ward councillor is the citizen's connection and voice but if a void exists communication is lost.

In conclusion there are many etc. etc. etc's.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham ■

Food For Kids Needs Financial Assistance

Submitted by HKPR

Food for Kids, Haliburton County's Student Nutrition Program, now in its 11th year, finds itself in the unusual position of needing additional financial assistance to ensure that its programs continue to the end of this school year. With over 4000 snacks and/or breakfasts being provided each week to students in all schools in the county, Food for Kids receives base funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and our school board but relies on other grants and community donations to complete their funding needs.

Rosie Kadwell, dietician with the HKPR Health Unit and Chair of the Food for Kids Steering Committee, is confident that when the people in Haliburton County know about the current financial crunch, they will come forward. "We have always had frequent and amazing contributions to individual schools and to our community funds account and we believe that when the people of Haliburton and especially local businesses and community organizations find out that we need help now, they will come forward and keep Food for Kids going and growing." She added that the Haliburton county student nutrition program is essential to student learning. "The teachers in our schools not only support Food for Kids but cannot imagine the elimination or even the lessening of any of our programs." Rosie shared the following thoughts from a teacher at Wilberforce Elementary School: "Student feeding programs (Food for Kids) is the best thing. I have been at this school for 9 years and once the breakfast and snack program was implemented, I noticed a big difference in the students' ability to focus and learn. They are more alert and the test scores went up. I would cry if we lost these programs."

Karen Phipps, Coordinator of the Food for Kids program works first hand with schools and volunteers. Karen, who is also a teacher at Cardiff Elementary School, states "Food for Kids is there for the children who do not eat breakfast before they come to school and for those who may, after long bus rides continue to be hungry on arrival. Food for Kids ensures that no student comes to school too hungry to learn."

Haliburton County needs Food for Kids. Haliburton County is the poorest county in Ontario. The research document "Social Determinants of Health in Haliburton - A Report Card, April 2009 states that 4.1% to 4.5% of households in Haliburton County use one of the four food banks on a monthly basis. The provincial average for food bank use is 3% and all our county banks have continued to report increased use in the last six months. Research also indicates that many more families who need food do not access the food banks.

Food for Kids makes a real difference in the health and learning of children. Please give consideration to having your workplace, your service group or your community organization "take up" Food for Kids as its charity project for 2010. Our children need Food for Kids and Food for Kids needs you!

For more information about Food for Kids or to access the above-mentioned report please contact Rob Stonehouse at 457- 1311. You can also mail your donation to Point in Time-Food for Kids, Box 1306 Haliburton K0M 1S0. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$10.00

Highlands East Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Building Bancroft Draws Support from Outlying Communities

Last week the Highlands East Council heard the second of what promises to be a series of presentations by the Building Bancroft team aimed at drawing support from surrounding communities. This extraordinarily complex endeavour is a long term project with a focus on strengthening economic opportunities through cooperative efforts in the region with an emphasis on developing Bancroft as a tourism destination.

The latest step taken by the Town was to strike a deal with Sobeys in December to purchase the old IGA building in the heart of downtown Bancroft. The project involves extensive redevelopment of the downtown core and this acquisition was pivotal to the success of expansion plans, particularly as the property runs from Hastings Street back to the York River.

Eric Toupin, who works with the project team, told the Council that the focus of the project is still driven by improving the economy and attracting more long term residents. Toupin emphasized that it was a 'regional' project and would continue to take a regional approach.

According to Toupin there will be a number of marketing initiatives in the near future including the unveiling of new concept drawings on February 2nd at the Royal Canadian Legion and a tourism conference on February 10th at the Rivers Edge Golf Club. The business case for the project is expected to be completed by March 31st of this year.

Toupin also said that engineering work on the re-development site was progressing well. The group is continuing with detailed design work on primary and secondary areas, design and feasibility of heritage attraction planning, detailed costing of all components, assessing the financial feasibility, tourism planning and marketing of the Bancroft region with stakeholders.

Toupin emphasized the need for regional cooperation. He said, "Bancroft's Sustainable Community Plan consultant has done over 400 similar plans, but he recognizes that neighbouring communities use Bancroft's services and must be considered." For that reason, Toupin said they are reaching out to various Councils to keep them apprised and find out what some of their issues are.

According to Toupin the Building Bancroft group have completed a traffic study for Bancroft, but they have determined that a regional study would be more helpful. He said they were approaching surrounding municipalities to determine what concerns and interests they have. They will also be doing a summer traffic study to track seasonal residents and visitors and Toupin asked Council if they wished to be included in the study at no cost.

Community Care, Haliburton County seeks Continued Support

Hilary Elia, Community Care Haliburton County, reviewed in detail for Council the various activities of her organization and how they supported seniors and adults with disabilities or extended illness to remain in their own homes. There are a total of 207 residents from Highlands East that utilize the services of Community Care including transportation, meals on wheels, home help and home maintenance and the emergency response service to name a few. Elia said that the number of clients continues to grow, adding that she was scheduled to visit a new client that same day.

Elia advised Council that they continue with various fund raising initiatives to keep their services affordable and to augment the services of their much needed volunteers. She thanked the Council for their support over the years, adding that they could not do without it.

Councillor Suzanne inquired if Community Care would provide services on a temporary basis. Elia confirmed that they had a lot of snowbirds and people from Toronto who cottage in the area for the summer that required assistance.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig confirmed that Community Care's request for support was included in the budget for consideration.

Resident Claims Ownership of Municipal Land

Some time ago, the Ministry of Transportation deeded a small strip of land where boats launch on Gooderham Lake to the municipality; but a new adjacent property owner seems to be claiming that the land is his to do with as he pleases. At least, that was the gist of the conversation at the last Highlands East's Council meeting.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig referred Council to correspondence indicating there was a concern. The person who is seemingly claiming ownership of the land has removed property belonging to others (including a gazebo and dock) and taken it to the dump. Arguments between residents and talk of lawyers have reached the point that action by the municipality is required. Stoughton-Craig confirmed that, while the land belonged to the municipality, people historically have launched their boats there.

The CAO advised Council that MTO had surveyed the land prior to the transfer, but municipal staff do not know where the stakes for the property are. She said, "Stakes will be driven in the spring and everyone will be able to use the area."

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie inquired whether anyone had spoken to the property owner to find out why he had removed people's property, but Councillor Donna Graham (who had initially listed the property for sale) commented that the owner knew exactly where his boundaries were. Mackie then asked why the By-Law Officer hadn't been involved and Stoughton-Craig agreed that she would have the matter deal with, now that she had received direction from Council.

Mackie said the issue should be dealt with as soon as possible considering the sledding traffic on the lake and resolved prior to the May 24th weekend when the launch would normally be

busy. Mackie said, "We might find ourselves in trouble if we don't act on this now." Stoughton-Craig agreed to follow the matter up with the By-law Enforcement Officer.

Dealing with Provincial Funding Claw Backs

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig advised Council that given the loss of a portion of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), their 2010 budget would be seriously impacted.

"We will be \$153,000 short of the funds provided last year," she reported. And while the municipality will still receive over \$1,000,000 in OMPF funding, the loss will definitely have an effect on the budget. Stoughton-Craig was concerned that next year will be even worse. "If they claw back the entire fund, I have no idea where we will get the money to cover services like policing just for a start."

The CAO plans to contact the Ministry to determine exactly why Highlands East has been hit so hard.

Looking after Infrastructure

Now that the pathway system has been improved so dramatically in Cardiff and use has increased, rumblings are being heard that some key pathways aren't being maintained and Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie wanted an explanation from Council.

Property Supervisor Glen Covert's explanation was simple. He said he hadn't been told to include plowing the trails in his winter maintenance program. Mackie said, "We're doing the school and even the church, but when it comes to the pathways, instead of using our own resources you're suggesting we contract out the work?"

Although Covert confirmed that the municipal has the equipment, CAO Stoughton-Craig was concerned that they had sufficient staff to do the work. She also voiced concern about the cost of hiring another full time employee.

Mackie commented that by contracting out municipal equipment to clear snow from the school they were taking work away from private enterprise

Mackie said that he had been trying to keep up with some of the plowing himself but the snow was piling up in some areas making it dangerous, particularly for seniors. "We'll need a larger machine to clear things up," he said adding that a backhoe and dump trucks would be required. "Once it's cleaned up the entire pathway system could be done in 40 minutes."

Covert said that he had received calls about sleds on the pathways. It quickly became apparent that the 'no motorized vehicle' signs, removed during reconstruction of the pathways, had not been replaced, and while Councillor Gary Stoughton suggested talking to the police, it was generally agreed that the signs would have to be replaced prior to enforcement activity.

As to the plowing, Covert agreed that staff would try to work the plowing into their schedule and see how things went.

Fire Protection Agreement with Dysart in Question

When asked to renew the Fire Protection Agreement with Dysart et al, several of the Highlands East Council members had concerns. When Councillor Gary Stoughton heard that the rates had not increased, he said, "We not getting enough money to do this. We should be adding at least ten percent a year." According to Stoughton, \$150 was not enough to cover the cost of the crew and an emergency van for the first hour, even though they received \$75.00 for each additional half hour.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie agreed, saying, "We're not even covering the cost of personnel."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge reminded Mackie that the municipality was also being paid a substantial flat fee of \$35,000 for standby, but Mackie said, "There are 640 properties involved." Stoughton added that there were likely 250 cottages on Benoir Lake as well.

Reeve Dave Burton agreed that there had been no increase in a number of years and asked Council if the issue should be deferred until it could be discussed with the Fire Chief. Stoughton said, "Either raise the fees or defer it because I won't agree to this."

The CAO commented that Dysart provide protection in parts of Highlands East and they could raise their fees as well. Stoughton refused to consider the existing agreement, saying that \$35,000 was a drop in the bucket when compared to what the fire fighters were paid.

Partridge said that in the past the Council had looked at the cost per household to ensure that the fees were equitable on both sides. She added, however, that costs had increased and that possibly it should be reviewed.

Mackie argued that Highlands East could mobilize more equipment than anyone in the area and respond quicker. "We're far better protected than other municipalities," he said.

Council agreed that the CAO should check on the last increase in the agreement and gather information that would allow them to establish a per-household cost. The agreement will be put on the agenda for January 26th. v ■



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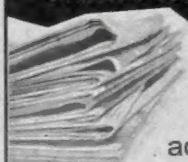
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Burton to Chair Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus

By Liz Danielsen

"You'll get fair and professional representation." (Dave Burton)

Dave Burton, Reeve of Highlands East and Warden of Haliburton County, has another feather in his cap after being elected unanimously last Friday to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. Having this level of representation in Eastern Ontario could prove to be a real boon to residents in the County.

In accepting the nomination, Burton spoke of his keen interest, strong desire and commitment to the Caucus. He admitted that it would be a challenge for him, but said he believed he had the confidence to do the job with the help of his members, particularly in Queens Park and Ottawa.

"You may not get perfection, but what you will get is well organized & researched representation in a fair and professional manner."

Rick Johnson, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock was present at the meeting along with a number of other dignitaries and was delighted with Burton's achievement. Johnson said, "I'm looking forward to working with Dave to bring great things to our area."

The EOWC is made up of 11 Eastern Ontario Counties and the two single-tier municipalities of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Prince Edward County. The Caucus meets regularly to discuss issues of mutual importance and promote Eastern Ontario at both the federal and provincial levels.

When asked what the EOWC's priorities for this year would be, Burton said, "We have decided that economic development will continue to be our first priority along with our broadband project, which should raise the bar considerably when it comes to economic development."

Jim Wilson, CAO of Haliburton County and now Secretary for the EOWC, confirmed that the three main priorities for the Caucus also included dealing with the financial impacts on eastern Ontario from the recent loss of mitigation funding.

When asked what the EOWC's other priorities would be, Wilson said, "Other 2010 projects include lobbying the Ontario government to update its land ambulance dispatch system, developing a better profile with First Nations communities as part of the Algonquin land claim and researching/advocating long term care funding and regulatory issues with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care."

While all three levels of government are expected to contribute both financial and in kind support, the EOWC's huge broadband project will be a partnership between public and private sectors. The project's connectivity is expected to drive the area's knowledge based economy and has the full support of key federal and provincial MP's. The project should service as much as 95 percent of the population and geographic area in Eastern Ontario and should be completed over a three to four year period. The main goal is to establish a system with infrastructure that is both realistic and affordable for the end user.

Wilson said, "Right now the group is working with both the federal and provincial governments to finalize the Building Canada contribution agreement. Once the contribution agreement is signed more information about the project will start to flow."

Speaking of the Caucus, Burton said, "This is a very strong and well organized lobby group. We mean business and have been successful in having politicians at every level listen to our concerns."

Wilson said, "With Warden Burton sitting as the Chair of the EOWC, it will bring a much higher profile to the County, particularly when he meets with ministers and other decision makers in the province."

Burton will also have considerable experience at his side considering the term of his elected Co-Chair Bill Thake. Thake is the Reeve of the Village of Westport and has been for a long time. He's also the Warden of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Many may consider Mayor Hazel McCallion of Mississauga as the longest standing mayor in Canada (since 1978), but in fact, Thake has led his community since 1969, 40 years in a row. ■



Highlands East at Odds Over Fire Department Infrastructure

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

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Stoughton-Craig assured Council that the project did not have to be shovel-ready and reminded them again that projects that were not revenue generating could be funded up to 90 percent.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie commented that when Wingrove first spoke about the new firehall he had said he had construction ready drawings, when in fact he only had several sheets of paper taken from the Internet and a base estimate of \$200,000.

Reeve Dave Burton said that the plans had considerably more detail and were now for an 80 x 100 foot building that included four bays and a training room. Given the looming deadline for applications, Burton said that Council would have to make a decision if they were going to move forward or not.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said that it wouldn't hurt to apply. "If it's approved we can make a decision on how to proceed. We must determine how this will save us money and even consider making a presentation to the public." Mackie also commented that Council will have to decide what to do with the existing Wilberforce hall.

Stoughton-Craig said, "We have some very old buildings in dire need of repair and we're throwing good money after bad right now." To this Mackie responded, "Anyone would have a fit with a 500 percent increase in costs." The CAO said that she would make sure that all of the Council saw the application prior to it being sent out, but that she needed a resolution that day.

Mackie said, "These blind applications scare the sh&% out of me. I agree that it's definitely needed. We have all agreed and that building (the firehall in Wilberforce) is the worst, but there is poor planning going into this when it's now over a million dollars. To say let's grab the money and do whatever we can doesn't sit well with me. A million dollars could likely build two firehalls. If a builder increased the cost estimates of building a house on your property from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 you'd tell him to take a hike."

Stoughton-Craig advised Council that the price was all inclusive, considering the foundation, well, sewer, hydro and storage tanks but Mackie said, "I don't care if the feds are paying or not. We must do some proper planning and keep people in the loop. The increase doesn't make sense."

Partridge said that the funding would have to be spent wisely if they were successful and that they would have to ensure that any development would save them over the long run.

A resolution approving the plans was presented for Council's consideration, but after first taking a vote approving the plans, Councillor Gary Stoughton said he wanted another vote taken. He had decided that he couldn't agree to proceed. Mackie then said, "How do we justify this?" He also said that he had initially thought they were talking about a hall for Huston Road as well.

Stoughton asked that the resolution be rescinded. Partridge said, "I think we should make the application, but we have to be very careful that we're spending properly and we will save in ongoing maintenance and even vehicle costs."

The CAO cautioned Council that they would have to build whatever was submitted with the application. The discussion continued to go back and forth on how to proceed. Stoughton finally said he would agree as long as there was an understanding that he would not support spending a million dollars for a single building. "I won't support that, but for two buildings I'll support the application."

Council finally agreed to rescind the original motion that mentioned a single firehall and passed a resolution approving an application for fire department infrastructure.

Stay tuned as there is no doubt that this saga will continue. ■

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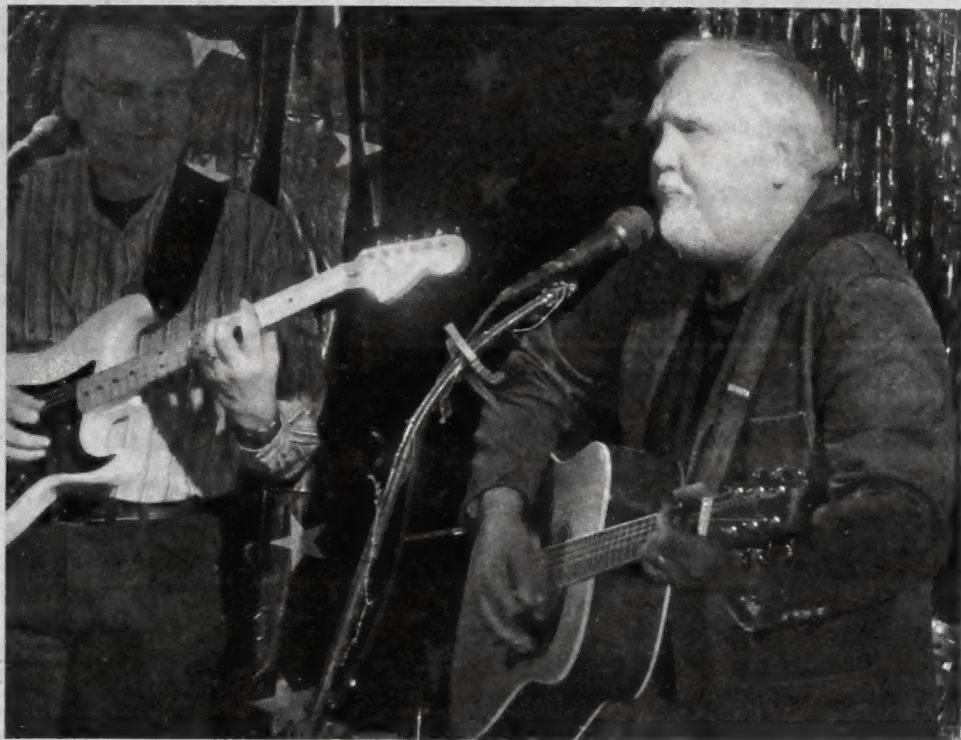


Gord Kidd and His Band 50/50 Release CD

After a friend persuaded him to take part in a singing competition a little like a small town version of American Idol, businessman and guitarist Gord Kidd decided that it would be the perfect opportunity to take his Harley Davidson out for a nice Sunday afternoon spin: the music was an added bonus. However those spins soon turned into a regular jaunt for the crooner after he got through round after round and soon found himself in the final. The competition hosted by studio producer Robert Benoit and held in Little Britain would see the winner grab the prize of a ten song CD and the second prize clinch a five song CD. Competitors came from across the City of Kawartha Lakes and surrounding areas all vying for a stab at making their own CD.

Gord explains that, "I entered the competition in May last year, I never thought I could win, for me it was just a little adventure and a chance for me to go out on my bike and just enjoy the ride. I didn't even take my own guitar with me – I would ask someone at the competition to use theirs." Gord's laid back attitude seemed to work as in July it was announced that he had taken second place in the competition but the accolades didn't stop there. The studio producer was so impressed that he offered Gord the same prize as first place, ten songs instead of five and also offered to provide the studio's own musicians.

"It was a great offer but I wanted to play with my own band especially as it would help more people to know us." 50/50 is comprised of Scott Russell and his son Chris and Wayne Revoy. They play across the county for numerous events such as the Stanhope Heritage Day, Midnight Madness, and Music by the Gull amongst others. The name is derived from them playing 50 percent Country and 50 percent Rock and their new CD covers favourites such as 'Heartaches by the Number', 'Please Release Me', 'Wicked Games' and 'Mustang Sally.' The band recorded the CD in November, produced it in December and 100 copies have been released this month. The band are planning to release another version of the same CD but adding more instruments to the mix such as fiddles, violins and steel guitars. They hope to see it released in the spring. It seems that Gord Kidd's "little adventure" has really paid off. The CD is available at either of Gord's offices: Minden Hearing Service, 41 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, or in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. ■



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Farmers Market Location Still Undecided

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

The farmer's market annual general meeting on January 12th noted that the board members were still planning the location for the upcoming market. Joe Roberts of Roberts Marina generously donated his space last year and although the location, according to Bob Smith, treasurer of the board, "isn't a long term solution it was very successful last year." As the rent was free it meant that the members of the farmers market had one less concern with funding. He continued by saying that "at the moment it is still the preferred site, people know where it is and how the site works." It was added in the meeting that if the marina didn't work out the second time around that the board members would go back to the municipality for help. They were thankful to the municipality for the previous help they lent to them in 2009 as they put them in contact with Joe Roberts. Although one person from the floor asked the members "how aggressive they were with the municipality with asking for help and if any of the municipality areas were available for the location." Head Lake is booked every week in the summer and Rotary Park is unavailable due to the skateboard park. A downtown location was preferable or at least somewhere that wasn't further than the marina.

It was also agreed that the farmers market was a way of reaching out to the community and teaching others about growing at home and the importance of this along with supporting local farmers. It was said by Smith that "the primary concern was to focus on Haliburton County and to support local growers."

The dates for the 2010 market are tentative as it depends on the location though it will be on Friday afternoons and they are aiming to start June 18th or 25th and to run until September 10th. The members will collect on May 18th for a vendors meeting. The market is open to food producers and artisans, there are no restrictions on who can join, although the majority of sellers must be selling food they have grown themselves. ■



Market supporter
John Patterson

Robbie Burns Celebrated In Wilberforce

How To Prepare Haggis....

by Mel Smith P.R.O.

January 23rd The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting the Legion's Annual Robbie Burns Dinner. Come out and enjoy an authentic Scottish Dinner. Neeps and Tatties, a steaming Haggis and a wee dram or two will make for a delightful Saturday afternoon on January 23, 2010. The annual celebratory tribute to the life, literary works and spirit of the great Scottish poet Robbie Burns is always a gastro-literary affair at Branch 624 that you will not want to miss. Robbie Burns suppers are most common in Scotland, but our Branch never misses the opportunity to ring in the Baird's birthday with good cheer and lots of laughter. Robert Burns was one of the greatest poets the world has known. Robert was born 250 years ago on January 25, 1759 to a poor farmer near Ayr. Strathclyde. Despite his poverty Burns learnt Latin, Greek, French and trigonometry. Robbie was often ill but he loved to write poetry and he is known for such works as Comin thro' the Rye and Auld Lang's Sine. On July 21, 1796, Robert Burns died of rheumatic fever and a bad liver.

Come out and join friends for refreshments at 6:00 p.m. and following a few welcoming words and the Selkirk Grace everyone will sit down to dinner. The Selkirk Grace is a well-known thanksgiving said before meals, using the Lallans Lowland Scots Language. "Some hae meat and canna eat And some wad eat that want it; But we hae meat, and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit". Everyone stands as the main course is brought in. This is always the haggis and the Address to a Haggis is recited. The haggis is actually the highlight of the dinner. People often laugh about it but it is not really half bad and it is served with neeps and tatties. Neeps are turnips peeled and cut into quarters. You boil them until tender, mash them and add butter, salt, pepper, a little milk and allspice. The Tatties are potatoes peeled and cut into quarters. You boil until tender, whip them until smooth, adding in milk, salt and pepper. Now for a hearty helping of Haggis for six people. For the (bagless) Haggis all you need is ½ lb. beef liver, 2 lamb kidneys, 2/3 lb. lamb shoulder, ¼ lb beef suet, 2 onions (minced), 1 cup oatmeal, 1 cup stock and salt and pepper. Boil the meats for an hour. Cool. Grate the liver. Chop the others fine. Chop the suet. Toast the oatmeal in a shallow pan in the oven, shaking occasionally. Mix the meats, suet, onions and oatmeal together with a cup of stock in which liver and meats were cooked. Add salt and plenty of pepper to taste. Turn into greased Pyrex bowl, cover with 2 or 3 layers of foil. Steam on a rack in a pan of boiling water for 2 hours, adding more boiling water as it boils away. Now "Aboon them a' ye tak your place", and serve it up following the Address.

Sounds good, eh! Well come out on the 23rd and enjoy! Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and the price is \$12:00 per person. Call 448-2221 if more information is need. ■



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Snoozle Quilts a Hit at Learning Center

... from pg. 1



L-R Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild - Lap & Snoozle Quilt Committee - Jean Bolt, Ellie MacNeil, Amy Hogg (absent-Marg Higgins)



An unscheduled nap-period ensued when Ellie MacNeil, Jean Bolt and Amy Hogg presented 30 snoozle quilts to the youngsters and staff at the Ontario Early Years Learning Center (previously Chace Place) in Minden on January 13th.

The women are members of the Lap Quilt Committee, one of several focus groups within the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild. The snoozle quilts are flannel-backed; attractive, cozy and custom made for the small cots at the day-care facility. In addition to snoozle quilts for toddlers, the committee sews and donates lap quilts for seniors who are returning home from hospital.

It was difficult for the kids to determine which one they preferred, as all the quilts were so colorful and kid-friendly. After several inspections, the tots bundled each other in their new quilts and put them to the snooze-test. With the exception of one up-and-coming comedian who preferred hamming it up for the camera, the quilts were spread on cots and on the floor where "sharing and taking turns" seemed to come easily. Thanks to the generosity of the Lap Quilt Committee, the tots at the local Ontario Early Years Learning Center will be having some pretty classy afternoon naps. ■

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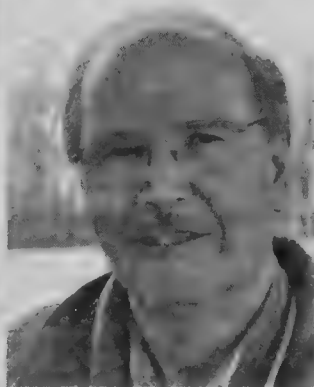
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Have Your Say... VOX POP

Are you looking forward to the Olympics? Will you be going out to Vancouver to watch them? What sport do you think Canada will do best in?



Mark Tolman, Barrie



Al Osbourne, Gooderham

Not really, the figure skating has become so politicized now and the hockey is all about the pro guys. The amateur aspects has really disappeared. I'm sure I'll tune into some events, probably the ladies final of the hockey because its more heartfelt but definitely not the men's hockey.

Yeah I'm looking forward to it, I think we'll do best at the downhill skiing and the hockey. It showcases Canada through the attention it gets and the good Canadian athletes. I won't be going to Vancouver, just watching at home and watching any of the sports that are on.

Carolyn McArthur,
HaliburtonKyle McDougall,
Bracebridge

No I think the Olympics are a waste of taxpayers money, they should spend that money on accommodation for the homeless or more affordable housing and food for people who are poor. Years ago I watched before I became aware how wasteful it is.

Yes I am, you get to see sports you don't normally get to see on the television much, I'll be watching the hockey the most but I hope the US team do as well as Toronto are doing with the same coach! I think Canada will do pretty good at the hockey and snowboarding.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Arctic Oscillation

A rare disruption of the Northern Hemisphere circulation since mid-December dislodged almost all of the frigid air around the Arctic, sending it thousands of miles to the south. The surge chilled parts of Asia, Europe and North America with some of the most severe winter conditions in decades. The Arctic Oscillation also caused temperatures at high latitudes around the North Pole to shoot up to levels much warmer than normal, equalizing the atmospheric heat balance. The U.S. Center for Atmospheric Research points out that such hemispheric chills have become infrequent since 1990. And it says this winter's cold is in bitter contrast to the above-normal weather in Europe and North America during November. But in a possible sign that the overall global warming is not over despite the temporary northern chill, Australia's second-largest city suffered through its hottest overnight summer weather on record. Melbourne's air temperature remained above 90 degrees Fahrenheit all night on the morning of Jan. 12.

Earthquakes

Hundreds of thousands of Haitians are feared dead following the country's worst earthquake in at least 200 years. A massive international relief effort was launched to help the impoverished country recover.

- A sharp quake off the coast of northwestern California caused about \$30 million in damage. No casualties were reported.

- Two dozen houses were heavily damaged in West Java by a sharp offshore quake.

- Earth movements were also felt in central Mongolia, metropolitan Manila, along the Guatemala-Honduras border and in interior parts of Southern California.

Chilling Nature

The recent freeze that destroyed or damaged many of Florida's winter-time crops also had a life-threatening effect on the Sunshine State's wildlife population. Cold-blooded iguanas fell from the trees as their bodies shut down when the temperature dropped to below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Most of the non-native reptiles, originally brought into the state by travelers from Latin America during the 1960s, became revived when warmer weather returned. Manatees were observed huddling near the warm water discharge pipes of power plants along the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean and Tampa Bay as temperatures just above the surface hovered near freezing. The Florida Wildlife Commission said it rescued about 250 sea turtles from waters reaching temperatures that could have killed them.

Costa Rican Ash

The creation of two new craters at northern Costa Rica's Turrialba volcano sent ash soaring above northern parts of the country. Residents of the two nearby towns of La Central and El Retiro were briefly evacuated. Authorities said there was no immediate threat of a violent eruption and that no lava flows were likely to occur. Turrialba last produced an eruption in 1856, which sent ash falling as far away as Nicaragua, according to historical records. The mountain has become increasingly active since it began to rumble again in January 2001.

Indian Ocean Cyclone

Tropical Cyclone Edzani churned the open waters of the central Indian Ocean for several days, far from any land areas. The storm reached Category 4 strength but was a threat only to shipping lanes in the region.

Jumbo Diction

In remote tropical forest clearings of central Africa, researchers are compiling the vocalizations of endangered forest elephants, hoping one day to create an elephant dictionary. A team from Cornell University and the Wildlife Conservation Society has been recording complex elephant sounds, some too low to be heard by the human ear, in six separate clearings. American scientist Andrea Turkalo has been monitoring the health, numbers and behavior of the animals at the Dzanga Clearing over the past two decades for the Elephant Listening Project. She tells CBS News that she can recognize individual elephants by their voices and can often tell what their vocalizations mean. "We're in kindergarten. We're just learning the very first few words," said Cornell behavioral biologist Peter Wrege. Turkalo says that as they match elephant sounds with the behaviors that they see, it's possible to put the sounds into categories that can provide the basis for the pachyderm dictionary.

The Swine in Winter

The deep snowfall across most of Great Britain is causing wild boars to resort to rooting through garbage bins in backyards for the first time in living memory. Roxanne Blake, who lives near Cinderford, Gloucestershire, was shocked to find two of the animals nosing for morsels outside her home. Uncollected garbage due to the deep freeze is only adding to the temptation for the swine, according to wildlife authorities. After reaching virtual extinction in Britain 700 years ago, wild boars have reproduced rapidly in recent decades. An annual cull is conducted to control the population.

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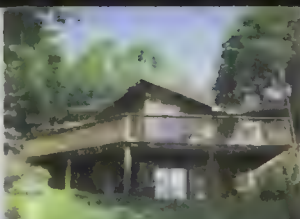
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**Little Kennisis Lake - \$449,700**

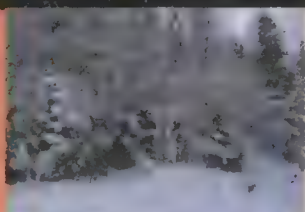
Viceroy Style Cottage, private lot w/ 137' rocky frtg. Southern open view. Elevated driveway to open level area. 2 large stone fp, cathedral ceilings, custom kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths & den. Fully finished basement w/ large family Rm, laundry, utility & walkout, creating over 2800 of living space. Charm & character abound

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Private estate lot(5.5 acres) located in newer subdivision in village of Haliburton w/ spectacular view of Grass and Head Lake. Conveniently located within walking distance to Sir Sandford Fleming College. Cleared site, drilled well, driveway and septic approved.

**Location Location CENTURY HOME - \$199,900**

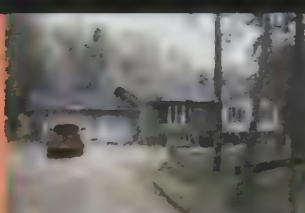
Large and well maintained 3 B.R., 2 bath home in the heart of Haliburton with easy access to all amenities. Situated on corner, landscaped lot w/ fenced yard for privacy and lovely gardens. Some features include hardwood oak floors, slate flooring, at entrance, main floor laundry and main floor bedroom or office, propane fireplace and carport. Newer windows, roof and furnace. Town sewers. Would be perfect home, rental or home business location.

**Denise LeBlanc**
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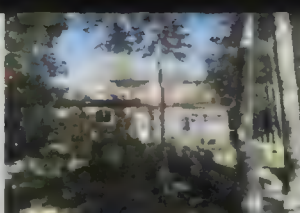
Large building lot with the most beautiful view overlooking the town of Minden. The driveway was roughed in at one time, hydro & telephone available close by. Several nice level plateau's for building with lots of mature trees.

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Awesome little 2 bdrm house/cottage offering year round use and year round access. Cute and cozy, bright and clean featuring new shingles in 2008 and a high efficiency propane furnace too. A nice 3 pc bath has just been redecorated and the building is equipped with all thermopane windows a couple of sheds and a nice level lot. Add to this deeded access to South Lake just across the rd and you've got a nice starter package.

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**Little Boshkung Lake - \$635,000**

Very spacious custom built viceroy style back split home or cottage. Vaulted ceilings and open concept main rooms allow for great entertaining. Three bedrooms and three baths and a finished lower level with family room and wet bar. A modern large gazebo and a one bedroom with bath, kitchenette & living rm all in a one slip covered boathouse with sand beach & a glorious western sunset completes the picture.

**Geoff Bunn**
Haliburton Office
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ext. 242**Fred Jones Road - \$124,900**

Complete privacy on this property, overlooking a small pond. This 3 bedroom, 1 bath with main floor laundry home is only minutes to the town of Haliburton, or just down the road to public access to Drag Lake.

**Starter or Retirement - \$129,900**

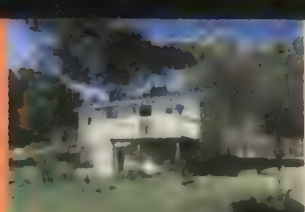
Great starter or retirement home, centrally located in Wilberforce. Steps away from all amenities, and a short walk to access on Pusey (Dark) Lake. Level lot with large mature trees and a 16'x16' shed. The house has had many recent upgrades. Very neat and well laid out bungalow that shows pride of ownership. You don't want to miss this one!

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**Barry Line Road - \$159,900**

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ext. 231**Near Haliburton - \$139,900**

This 2BR home is situated in a prime location for a home based business, close to the village of Haliburton. Very pretty property with 2.5 acres, nice view, mature maple trees & sunny lot. Loft area is open & would be ideal for 2 more bedrooms. Bright sunny livingroom with newer carpet, large master bedroom has been updated. Most windows new. Drilled well, septic and newer FA propane furnace. Oversized garage is great for the handyman, plus large shed. Some TLC needed but loads of potential

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Great two bedroom retreat property. Sit in the screened in porch and listen to the babbling brook that runs along the property line. Boat from the shared water front lot on Salerno lake all day. Walk the year round road and enjoy the great outdoors. Call to book a viewing appointment.

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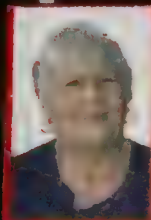
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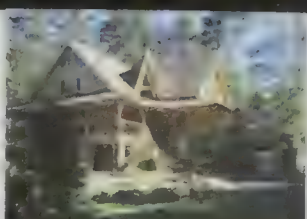


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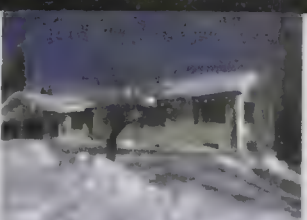


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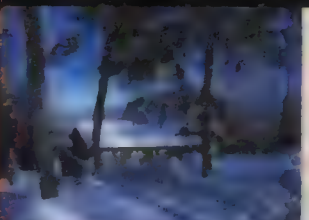


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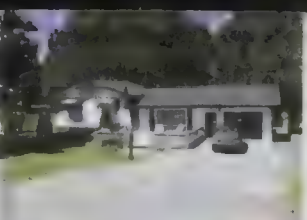
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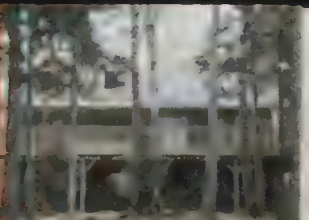


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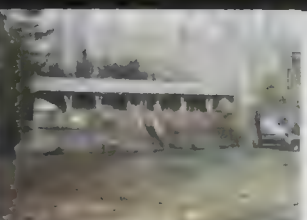


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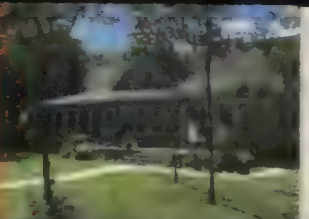


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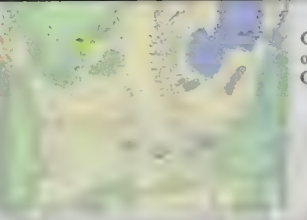


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2009 in Algonquin Highlands

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

If it hadn't been for the furor over the Stanhope airport expansion, and a few other minor events, it would likely have been fairly smooth sailing for the Algonquin Highlands Council last year. Unfortunately, the proposed development at the airport may have overshadowed other achievements.

During a discussion of events during 2009, even Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "It's pretty hard not to say that the greatest challenge has been the new runway at the airport, and that will likely continue to be our greatest challenge in 2010."

In the spring Council passed a resolution authorizing the signing of a Building Canada funding agreement to rehabilitate existing airport infrastructure and to build a new crosswind runway for a total cost of as much as \$3.5 million dollars.

Arguments were heard early in the year from property owners living adjacent to the airport concerned about possible impacts to the environment, increased noise and disturbance from increased air traffic, tree topping and cutting and the possibility of reduced property values. Arguments about jurisdiction for the airport were taken to the County level, but after legal consultation, and despite the \$10,000 operating subsidy provided by the County to the municipality for the airport, the County determined that full responsibility for the airport lay in the hands of the Algonquin Highlands Council.

In May, distinct lines were drawn in the sand when the Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association and supporting associations called in a renowned environmental lawyer to ensure that all of the necessary steps were taken by the municipality to protect residents and the environment surrounding the airport as well as in attempts to ensure that the Council did not obligate taxpayers to something they did not want.

May also brought several protests to the doors of the municipal office in the form of Outloud Womyn's Voices. While the first small protest was only a sign of things to come, a second protest brought out as many as 80 people brandishing signs emblazoned with white elephants and stating that democracy had flown away on an unwanted runway. CHEX TV was in attendance and many of the women's group flowed into the building to fill the Council Chambers with songs of protest and statements of disappointment that the Council was failing to support or even listen to concerns being raised by residents in the municipality and County overall.

In July the first public meeting with Infrastructure Canada (as the Responsibility Authority for the project) and representatives from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency was held at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall. Over 150 people, many of whom were members of MBC, heard details about the project but still raised a litany of concerns about it. Clarification was provided about the CEAA's requirements and associated time lines for the review process. MBC executive member Sally Howson may have summed up the general public's underlying concerns by saying, "You cannot whitewash the cumulative environmental and economic effects of this project." Assurances were provided by government officials that all those who had concerns would have ample opportunity

to make them known in a variety of ways.

During the summer MBC President Paul MacInnes offered an olive branch to Council that, in essence, suggested that opposition to the project would cease if the work was limited to rehabilitation work only. The suggestion that they would call off their lawyers and that associated legal costs for all those concerned would be reduced fell on deaf ears and time and time again, the substantial research and suggestions offered by MBC and their research director Andy Muirhead, were completely discounted by Council.

In September the contract for both the rehabilitation and expansion project was awarded to Todd Brothers for \$2.26 million dollars, but even at that time, the opportunity for shovels to hit the ground appeared to be diminishing rapidly and finally late in the fall, the contractor advised that he could not guarantee quality work given the temperatures being experienced. Rehabilitation work was put on the shelf until after the spring thaw.

Through the summer and fall continuing concerns were raised by members of MBC and opponents of the airport project about the lack of transparency encountered with all levels of government when it came to the airport project. Continuing efforts to gain information about where the project stood with the CEAA often fell on deaf ears and continued through to year end to prove futile even for Council.

Harrison recently voiced her disappointment in the municipality being completely unable to get any answers from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on anything including how long the process will take and what will be required of the municipality before the expansion project can get underway. "That's both the biggest disappointment and challenge for us and is constantly there in the background," Harrison said that the municipality planned to continue with the rehabilitation as early as possible, but that she had no idea where the new runway was going.

One thing is for certain. There is no doubt that opposition to the expansion portion of the project will continue unabated and lawyers for MBC and other associations that support them are only a phone call away from once again joining the fray in efforts to ensure that the project does not take place without the appropriate environmental protection measures being in place and possibly until the upcoming election gets underway.

When addressing other hurdles, Harrison said, "The RinC (tennis/multi-purpose courts, skating rink) project has been a challenge as well and the loss of our consultant has left a considerable void, but with our new CAO (Juanita Dempster-Evans) on board we hope it will continue through to completion." Harrison said that the CAO was getting up to speed on the project but she hoped that the funding wouldn't be lost. Admitting that the handling of this project could have been better, she said, "At the present time we still have \$10,000 from Hydro One and hope to get Trillium funding, but there are no guarantees."

From the beginning of the year it had become more and more evident to Council that their working relationship with Lake of Bays could very well be on shaky ground over a shared services agreement to provide fire protection, road maintenance, policing and management of the Dorset Museum and skating rink. Lake of Bays were seriously in arrears for their share of the cost of these services, but finally, after a number of meetings and

discussions, by September things had been resolved and were back on track.

Just before hunting season got underway, the Council adopted a new firearms restriction by-law at the urging of their by-law enforcement officer, something that created an immediate and considerable uproar with local hunters, camp operators and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. The new regulations banned the use of firearms in local gravel pits and municipally owned lands, which unfortunately included all unopened road allowances, effectively removing a number of areas where hunting has been a tradition for years. Realizing the ramifications of their decision and the opposition to it, Council quickly amended the by-law, removing references to unopened road allowances and simply restricting target practice in any areas zoned residential, commercial, industrial or recreational or on any municipal facility.

As to their challenges as a whole, Harrison said, "I think that all of the councils to a degree when faced with money firing out the governments' doors so quickly and requests for detailed information for projects within such short time frames, likely didn't take the time required to review their projects as carefully as they normally would have. But, the buck stops here and we don't like to shut the door on any money that may be available."

Harrison also said, "I think we did extremely well with getting money from the province and the feds. We received disaster mitigation funding and have all the generators in place now at potential emergency centres. The funding we received to rehabilitate the McLintock lagoon couldn't have happened at a better time and the project seems to have been fairly successful. The geo-tubes are still in place and can still be used so they will certainly give us longer life at the lagoon while we look at making other decisions on how to handle septage in the future, something that has been a long standing challenge for us. During 2010 we'll have to make some decisions and put some money aside for whatever we do in the future."

In September Trails Coordinator Mark Coleman pitched expanding the municipality's trails program to a year round operation. After considering the financial implications and any additional liability associated with the decision, Council agreed to give the extended program a try, agreeing to review its viability during 2010.

Harrison also said, "The Buckslide Bridge has also been quite a challenge for us, but an accomplishment at the same time." In mid project to rehabilitate the bridge which is twinned with a Parks Canada dam, a large void was discovered in the core walls of the dam, something that created additional costs and time delays to the project. While Parks Canada was initially reluctant to even participate in the project, never mind contribute to it, Harrison confirmed that the municipality had ultimately been successful in getting money from Parks Canada for improvements to the dam. "I think we may still have some asphalt to go down in the spring, and the project was a challenge for our engineer and Operations Manager because of the deterioration of the damn, but in the end it seems to have worked out as a positive."

"On the whole feel we have done well this year in acquiring funding and in completing projects," Harrison said, adding that for the most part, it had been a good year and one they would end in a solid financial position.

On reflection, Harrison also said, "I'm glad it's over in a way. The year did present several serious challenges and we'll likely have some major ones across the County with substantial the cutbacks that are coming. We were successful coming in on budget this year despite a lean and mean budget set to help with the new assessment and the economic downturn."

But Harrison also said that she remembers distinctly advising ratepayers that they couldn't expect the same thing every year. "The cost of business continues to increase, and while we've done our best during 2009 to give our taxpayers a break, I'm almost positive that won't happen again. We can't continue to absorb ever increasing costs into our budget."

And that's likely a sign of things to come for residents of Algonquin Highlands and, for that matter, everyone in the county. ■

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Dawson Hamilton Laid to Rest

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Dawson Hamilton's last journey was dignified, peaceful, funny and deeply moving. Over 600 family, friends and admirers gathered at the Minden Community Centre last Thursday to "Celebrate Dawson's Life". Dawson died Sunday, January 10th at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto after a five year battle with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia: he was just nine years old.

Dawson's great uncle Karl Upton officiated at the hour-long service. A recurrent theme throughout the tributes was the almost magical way that Dawson had affected the lives of so many: his teachers, the nurses at Sick Kids who looked after him so often over the years, his older brother Tanner's Bantam hockey team, and the group of OPP "Pedal for Hope" cycling team officers who included Dawson in so many of their Cops for Cancer events. Constable John Townsend gave a particularly moving eulogy to their "special friend", who had lightened their lives so much with his irrepressible sense of humour, mischief, and "courageous outlook" on life. He recalled how Dawson would tease the officers, from the comfort of a squad car, when they appeared to be a little slow in their bike ride through the Essonville Line, and Vinegar Hill. And of how when allowed, "he loved to work those lights and sirens in the squad car." Dawson's necklace of bravery beads contained almost 500 beads: "he is our hero," said Townsend. Through barely concealed tears the constable also announced that the OPP will dedicate their 2010 Tour to Dawson's memory.

In other tributes retired Archie Stouffer teacher Toos Reid spoke of how each child is precious, and different, and of how much Dawson had touched their lives and the lives of all his teachers: she then sang the sad and inspiring Marian song with the lyrics "The ones I love are many coloured, the ones I love are flowers bright, the ones I love are gifts eternal, the ones I love have shared their light."

The Hamilton family was also very grateful that Dawson's long-time buddy and supporter, Colorado Avalanche rookie star and Haliburton native Matt Duchene left his team mid-road trip in order to attend the ceremony. Finally, after many more family and friend's eulogies, Funeral Director Kirsten Monk read a touching tribute from Dawson's nine-year-old cousin Owen Smith, and then, with dignity, read the service of committal. There will be a spring interment at the Minden Cemetery. ■



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Seven in a Row for the Red Hawks

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter

Haliburton vs Lakefield

It was an action filled game on Friday January 15th at the Haliburton High School gymnasium when the Red Hawks had a nail biting game against Lakefield High School. The game started off as any other game would "with high hopes" and ended with a 54-29 victory for the Haliburton Red Hawks. The local team seems to be on an unbeatable streak so far winning the last six games straight.

The game started off with a foul by the Red Hawks but they didn't let that discourage them: they kept the pressure on the guest team and before you knew it Lakefield had to call a time out to get their team back on track. There was lots of action and at the end of the first period the Haliburton Red Hawks were winning by more then double 19-8 and the crowd was anxious to see what lay in store for the remaining three periods.

By the end of the second period the Red Hawks led 33-14. It seemed by this time that the Haliburton Red Hawks had this game in the bag, and indeed they did. The game ended 54-29, giving the Red Hawks their seventh straight victory. Luke Watson had 21 points and Adam Vannood had 11 points and Gramme Lloyd had 8 points. "I am very happy with the team this year and I think we got a shot at going all the way to the finals" says Coach Roland Zilla of the senior boy's basket ball team. The squad's next game will be away when they take on the Fenelon Falls secondary School on Tuesday January 19th.



Senior boy win again 49-21

Lakefield vs Haliburton Red Hawks 39-46

The Haliburton High School junior boys Basketball team did not have the great outcome that they anticipated when they went against the Lakefield High School on Friday January 15th. The Haliburton Red Hawks Junior Boys had a disappointing loss despite the great effort from all the team members, even though the team worked together and put 100 percent into the game. The juniors lost 39- 16 against Lakefield High School. But I don't think the Haliburton Red Hawks team is going to let this loss bring the down. The Hawks next game is away when they take on IEW at their home court and this time I imagine the Red Hawks will keep the loss in mind and use that then to drive them for the for the win.

The Red Hawks vs The Titans- Juniors

On Tuesday January 12th the Haliburton Junior Boys Basketball Team had an action filled game against St. Thomas Aquinas

Catholic School "The Titans" at the HHSS gymnasium. Despite the great effort from the Red Hawks the Titans came off that court with a victory. The final score 40-60 for the Titans. Damon Flatman from the Red Hawks came out of the game with 17 "points in his hands" and Andrew Murray also came out with 14 points and I am sure that when the Haliburton Red Hawks travel to Fenelon Falls Secondary School on Tuesday January 19th the outcome of the game will be better than last Tuesday's. The next home game for the Red Hawks will be on Thursday February 4th at 4:15pm and on Friday February 5th there will be a boys basketball tournament at the HHSS Gymnasium.



Kai-Shin Karate Dojo Hold Formal Karate Grading



Left to right: Jackie Davis, Sensei Mike Chapman, and Melissa Cooper.

Twice a Year the Kai-Shin Karate Dojo holds a formal karate Grading. This January's event was the largest the Haliburton club has ever held: some 32 students attended. Six high ranking 4th Dan and above Black Belts were on our grading board.

This was a very special day, with two young female club members being honoured for their work. Firstly, in our Karate system, "Chito-Ryu" you can't be graded to Sho-Dan (Lesser of the Dan's Black Belt) until you are at least 16 years old. Firstly, 14-year-old Melissa Cooper was awarded a Sho-Dan Ho, which is a Brown Belt with a black stripe woven through it. For the next two years Melissa will be working very hard for the Dojo, and congratulations to her for her hard work.

Secondly, the Student of the Year Award was presented to Jackie Davis. Ms. Davis was chosen from a group of 64 students. Her name was added to our Dojo Plaque, and she was given her own plaque, which reads "In appreciation for your dedication to Karate and your time and effort spent for our Dojo: from your fellow members and your Sensei". ■

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Storm Atom AE's Consolation Champs at Peterborough Liftlock

Submitted by Karena Crofts, Team Manager



The Highland Storm Atom AEs along with the Highland Storm Atom A's participated in the 52nd Peterborough Liftlock Tournament Jan 15, 16 and 17th. The Atom AEs were in the "D" Division and the Atom A's "DD".

The Atom AEs played their first game Jan 15 at 3pm at the Memorial Centre against the Ottawa Sting Killer Bs, not a pretty game but the boys came alive in the third period and won 4-3, with a hat trick trophy going to Alex Wilbee the other goals by Trevor Turner, assists by Trevor Turner, Greg Crofts, Jake Bull, Jack Dobie, Alex Wilbee and Carter O'Neill.

The first game Jan 16th was at the Kinsmen Arena against the Nepean Raiders Red, another close game with The Storm getting most of their goals in the 3rd period to win 4-3. Goals by Jake Bull, Trevor Turner, Owen Smith and Carter O'Neill, assists to Carter O'Neill, Jacob Haedicke, Devyn Prentice and Greg Crofts. The second game of the day was at 1:45pm at the Evinrude Centre against the Peterborough Nats Minor AE. This game was a blow out in the third period, so for once the parents were not biting their nails in nervousness of the outcome of the game. The Storm won 12-0, with hat trick trophies going to Greg Crofts and Owen Smith and a shut out trophy to goalie Anthony Bertucca. Because of the score, other goals and assists are too numerous to mention.

On Sunday the 17th the boys were playing to win and get to the championship game at the Memorial Centre, but were defeated by the Stittsville Rams Black 3-1, our only goal by Jake Bull, assisted by Jack Dobie and Owen Smith. The boys moved onto the Consolation Championship for the "D" division once again matched against the Ottawa Sting. This was an exciting game with the Storm getting a 2 goal lead in the second period with 2 breakaways by Greg Crofts, they held onto this lead until halfway thru the 3rd period and The Stings tied it up which forced an overtime period. The Storm came out full force determined to win and did so with the winning goal scored by Trevor Turner with assist going to Greg Crofts. The boys came home "D" series Consolation Champs. Greg Crofts received a MVP trophy and Trevor Turner received cheers and grateful congratulations from his teammates and their families.

Now the playoffs begin! ■

Skyline Bonspiel

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter



Pictured top left: Haliburton Lumber "Event A" champions, Rob Melhmish "Skip", Don Pearson "Vice", Peter Jennings "second", Al Kirchner "Lead"

Top right: Curry Motors "Event B" champions Jim Parrott, Greg Hamlon, Dave Simmons, Glenn Burns

AT right: Haliburton Home Hardware "Event C" champions Bob MacNaull, Bob Johnston, Andy Gruppe, Greg Scheffee



It was a great weekend for the participants of the 51st annual Skyline Curling Club Bonspiel and everyone was in attendance. This annual event, filled with traditions and memories, has been going on since 1960. Every year curlers from all over the province gather at the Haliburton Curling club to tell old stories and play a three day tournament with old and new friends. This event started in January of 1960 right after the Skyline Park was built. Last year was the 50th anniversary and the participants took it to heart. Everyone dressed in old sweaters and took black and white photographs with corn brooms in hand: this year participants didn't dress up but everyone showed up and had just as much fun as the as in all the previous years.

Tournament organizer Wayne Hussey has been going to the bonspiel since 1962 and has done the hard volunteer work of organizing it for the past 15 years, and says "I look forward to it every year".

The bonspiel started on Friday January 15th and carried on through to Sunday January 17th. Twenty four teams from all over Ontario including six local rinks came to show off their stuff and maybe win themselves a trophy. All the prizes from the event were sponsored from the local businesses. Haliburton Tim-bar Mart, Curry Motors, Haliburton Home Hardware and Dawson Insurance all donated trophies while our local Haliburton Foodland donated all the great meat prizes for all semi-finalists in the skills competition. Some of the sponsors have been a part of the bonspiel for more then 20 years.

This year in the final competition of the "A" event Mr. Hussey had to get on the ice and measure the final shots himself.

And as in any close game it was a hard decision to make. The winners of the Haliburton Lumber division "A" trophy won by only a eighth of an inch and that's about as close as it gets. The Skyline Bonspiel was a huge success and everyone was more then happy to be a part of the annual tournament. So make sure you mark down your 2011 calendar in January for 52nd Haliburton bonspiel. ■

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Storm Bantams Win Tourney, Split First Two Games



Submitted by Wade MacInnes

After defeating Oshawa, Bancroft & Napanee to capture the Gananoque Bantam Hockey Tournament in late December the Highland Storm Bantams were in Warsaw Ontario playing in the Douro Invitational Tourney on January 9th/ 2010. The 1st game at 8 am saw the Storm easily handle the Lakefield Chiefs in a 6-1 tilt. Game #2 versus the Otonabee Wolves would be a different story as the Storm was caught napping & the Wolves built up a 5-1 lead two minutes into the second period. The Storm wouldn't say 'uncle' and kept chipping away and with some beautiful playmaking managed to tie it at six early in the third. With three minutes remaining in the game the Storm lads would score the go ahead goal capping off an amazing come back win. In the Championship game the host Douro Dukes showed lots of gusto but the Storm had more left in the tank. After trading goals in the first, the second period saw the Storm light the lamp three times while the Dukes managed only a single. It was a dog fight in the third but neither team could cash so the Storm held on to win the Championship 4-2. Awesome Hockey!

On January 16th the Highland Storm Bantams opened up their O.M.H.A. playdowns in Haliburton against the Schomberg Redwings. The Storm won home ice advantage thanks to Dave McKay and his two headed coin. (Thanks Dave!) In front of a packed house & with the home crowd cheering the Storm put it to the Wings in a 7-4 route. Special mention goes out to the "Buck & a Half Line" - Taylor Rowbotham, Tanner Hamilton & Donovan MacInnes who showed everyone in attendance how the game should be played. Game #2 on January 17th in Schomberg the Redwings were out for redemption & came at the Storm with both barrels blasting.

The Wings were up 3-0 going into the third when the Storm finally got on the board. There would be no miracle comeback on this day as the Redwings played great team defence holding on

for a 3-1 victory. The series knotted at one a piece will shift to Haliburton for game #3 Friday January 22nd @ 8:30 pm. The teams will head back to Schomberg for game #4 on Saturday January 23rd & if a game 5 is necessary it would be in Minden on January 24th @ 4 pm. Come on out and cheer on our Highland Storm Boys!

Lastly the Highland Storm Bantam team, players, coaches, parents & grandparents express their deepest sympathy to Scotty, Heather & Tanner Hamilton for the loss of the toughest little man that we have ever known. Dawson will be forever missed but not forgotten. ■

Highland Storm Atom A's Champions at Liftlock Tournament

Submitted by Monica Keefer

The Highland Storm Atom A's were crowned champions at the annual Peterborough Liftlock Tournament this past weekend. It was another exciting weekend of hockey for Highland Storm Atom A, with many of the boys walking away with hat trick awards.

Friday we faced off against Tweed at the Memorial Center and had an easy 17-1 win. Next the boys faced off against Norwood at the Kinsman Arena and had to battle hard, finally winning by a score of 7-3. Then it was on to Ennismore where we won 9-2 against Port Stanley. Sunday morning the boys had a tough fight against Parry Sound, but still won 6-3, putting us into the A finals.

Travelling back to the Memorial Center we faced off against Center Hastings: we'd played this team before so we knew we were in for a battle. Chase Burden put us on the score board first. Then, holding on to the 1-0 lead after the second, Center Hastings came back with a goal to put them on the score board. With a 1-1 tie after the third, we went into 10 minutes of over time. With the boys battling hard and with Josh Bellefleur making many amazing saves, the boys played their hearts out, going full tilt from end to end. The window of opportunity came with 17 seconds remaining on the clock and Chris Thompson scored making us the A champs.

Congratulations go out to the Atom AE team for a great weekend as well, from the Atom team and parents. ■

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Silhouette Racing Rescues

By Zoe Cittern

What started as simply a hobby and a little bit of fun has expanded into something quite more, nine dogs, handfuls of awards and many races later Gail Perrin and her daughter Maria have in their own words become "quite addicted to dog sledding". Their Silhouette Racing Rescue, which uses different breeds of dogs rather than the conventional Siberian Huskies, operates out of their small Gelert Farm.

Their Great Dane pet dog, Pongo, was one day hitched behind a GT Snowracer out of curiosity and he soon started pulling Maria along: the experiment had worked and slowly they integrated their other pet dog, a rough collie named Noah into the mix. Although the Great Dane has passed on and Noah is now retired from racing they still race six out of their nine Border Collies rescues. Gail explains that "while huskies love to run and pull I've heard that they aren't so good with smaller animals and as I have chickens and turkeys the border collies are a great breed to have. They fit in with our lifestyle because we run the farm plus they stay with you a lot of the time, if you call them they'll come trotting back."

She continues by saying "Border Collies are high energy dogs and are always raring to go when they are harnessed to the sled." This was clearly evident when the dogs were all vying for Gail's attention later on as she strapped them into their harnesses and collars, the jumping and use of their vocal chords was certainly a sight to see and hear. "They are always raring to go, they have too much fun to want to stop."

Some people are surprised when they find out that we race collies but they can be very good at it," smiles Gail.

However there is one dog of the Perrins pack that doesn't enjoy the dog sledding so much. Flash. Rescued with another dog, Thunder from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Gail explains that "when you attach him to the sled if he comes to a downhill portion of the trail he seems to get very nervous and will look behind him and starts to wander to the side. It seems as if he's worried that the sled will run into him, he has a very shy personality. He's a great little pet and farm dog though, he just seems to be overwhelmed by it all, it's just not his thing I guess."

The mother and daughter are currently training in preparation for upcoming races in Kearney, the Dogsled Derby at the Pinestone Resort, Cannington and Apsley. Maria has placed a wealth of trophies under her small belt over the past few years: she placed first in the Kearney Kid and Mutt race last year and second at the Pinestone Dog sled race. "My friends who see me race always want to try it afterwards, at first I was holding onto the sled for dear life but its so much fun now. Its nice to spend a lot of the time with the dogs too" says Maria. She recently saved up her money to get a Border Collie puppy who will start to train when he's around eight to ten months old. She first took to riding a sled at just four years old and competed that same year at the dog sled derby in Haliburton. She has been competing every year since then, she turns 11 in February and in a few years she'll be racing against her mum in the same division although this doesn't seem to worry them: just some harmless friendly competition right? "We'll have to decide who gets which dog and that will be the hardest decision," laughs Gail. Though they both agree that "dog sledding is so much fun, whether its done competitively or recreationally. It's a way to enjoy winter, it's exercise for you and for your dogs." In 2009 Gail Perrin won the 'Gold Medalist 2009 Triple Crown For Dog Sprint' award presented by the Ontario Federation of Sled Dog Sports.

The racing team trains numerous times a week in the lead up to a race putting in as many as nine miles a day in preparation. Although Gail adds that "there needs to be some sort of trail system put into place that is multi-use, there are very few areas around here to train. I train on my property and on my friends' and neighbours' lands but I find myself still trying to make up the miles. It would be great for the community to have that available, a trail where dogs can run on it as well as skiers and other users. Even if anyone has a large area of private property that they would like to see people use they should get in contact because it would be a wonderful thing to see happen. There are lots of other people I know who would benefit from it too."

The Collies don't just compete and have fun on the sleds, in the spring, summer and fall some of the pack help Gail to herd geese in the local area. Border collies have a naturally strong herding instinct making them perfect animals to help control where the geese nest and settle. 2009 was the first year that Gail started with the goose control program and has helped keep them away from the Riverwalk, Rotary Park in Minden, golf courses, Haliburton High School and other public areas. Gail explains that "the geese get conditioned into thinking that the dogs will keep coming back, we were very successful last year, in the month of August, there were no geese sightings in Rotary Park and it was clear of goose droppings which made going there a lot nicer."

Gail and Maria will next be racing in Kearney on February 6th and 7th and then at the Dogsled derby on February 13th and 14th. You can visit their website at www.racingrescues.com or www.goodbyegoose.com for information about their goose control services. You can phone Gail at 286-2557 if you'd like to get in contact about possible sites for multi-use trails. ■

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: NUMBER, PLEASE
(e.g., What number is indicated by the Roman numeral L?
Answer: 50.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. What is the year 2010 in Roman numerals?
Answer _____
2. How many complete rotations of the Earth occur in a single year?
Answer _____
3. How many permanent teeth do humans normally have?
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. In the U.S., how many fluid ounces are in a standard cup?
Answer _____
5. How many prime numbers are there between 1 and 10?
Answer _____
6. How many bureaucrats does it take to screw in a light bulb? (joke)
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. How many pairs of nuclear chromosomes does a human have?
Answer _____
8. The commonly accepted number of bones in the human body.
Answer _____
9. About how many calories make 1 pound of weight?
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. MMX. 2. 365. 3. 32. 4. 8. 5. 4 (2,3,5,7). 6. Two. One to screw it in and one to screw it up. 7. Twenty-three pairs. 8. 206. 9. 3,500.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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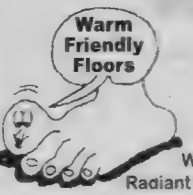
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Horoscopes It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sensitivity makes you aware of the needs of others. Have you considered a career as a counselor?

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel — alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

Super Crossword

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- 1 Exercise target
- 5 Actuate
- 10 Boston —
- 14 Denzel Washington film
- 19 Kansas city
- 20 — incognita
- 21 Comfort
- 22 "Middle-march" author
- 23 Butcher-shop buy
- 25 Modern Mesopotamia
- 26 Numerical word form
- 27 Theater collection
- 28 Director Michael
- 30 Satyrical trait
- 32 Vim
- 33 Bond rating
- 35 Neapolitan song
- 38 Work over?
- 39 Tarnish
- 44 PBS benefactor
- 45 Mrs. Nick Charles
- 47 ABA member
- 48 Shipshape
- 50 Standard
- 52 Court cry
- 56 Start of a Nash verse
- 60 Maestro Arturo

DOWN

- 63 Opening remark?
- 64 To and —
- 65 Rang
- 66 Rapper Tone —
- 67 Rained and snowed
- 70 Kruger of "High Noon"
- 72 "— vous plait"
- 73 To boot
- 74 Bach favorite
- 78 Hostage
- 81 New Deal agcy.
- 82 — May Oliver
- 83 Most enthusiastic
- 87 Diminutive suffix
- 88 Make minestrone
- 90 Say please
- 92 Actress Zellweger
- 93 Connecticut county
- 95 It's a guy thing
- 98 Perplexed
- 99 WWII site
- 101 Kenwood competitor
- 102 Glowing
- 103 No, to Nureyev
- 106 Asian soldier
- 107 Haphazard
- 110 Disney dog

ACROSS

- 113 George Peppard series
- 117 Korf or Sara
- 118 What a feller needs
- 119 Keeping
- 120 Give in to gravity
- 123 Walked
- 126 Diacritical mark
- 128 Author Ambler
- 131 Famed disc jockey
- 134 Irving's "The — New Hampshire"
- 135 Amneris' rival
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- 137 European country
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- 141 TV's "Ding — School"

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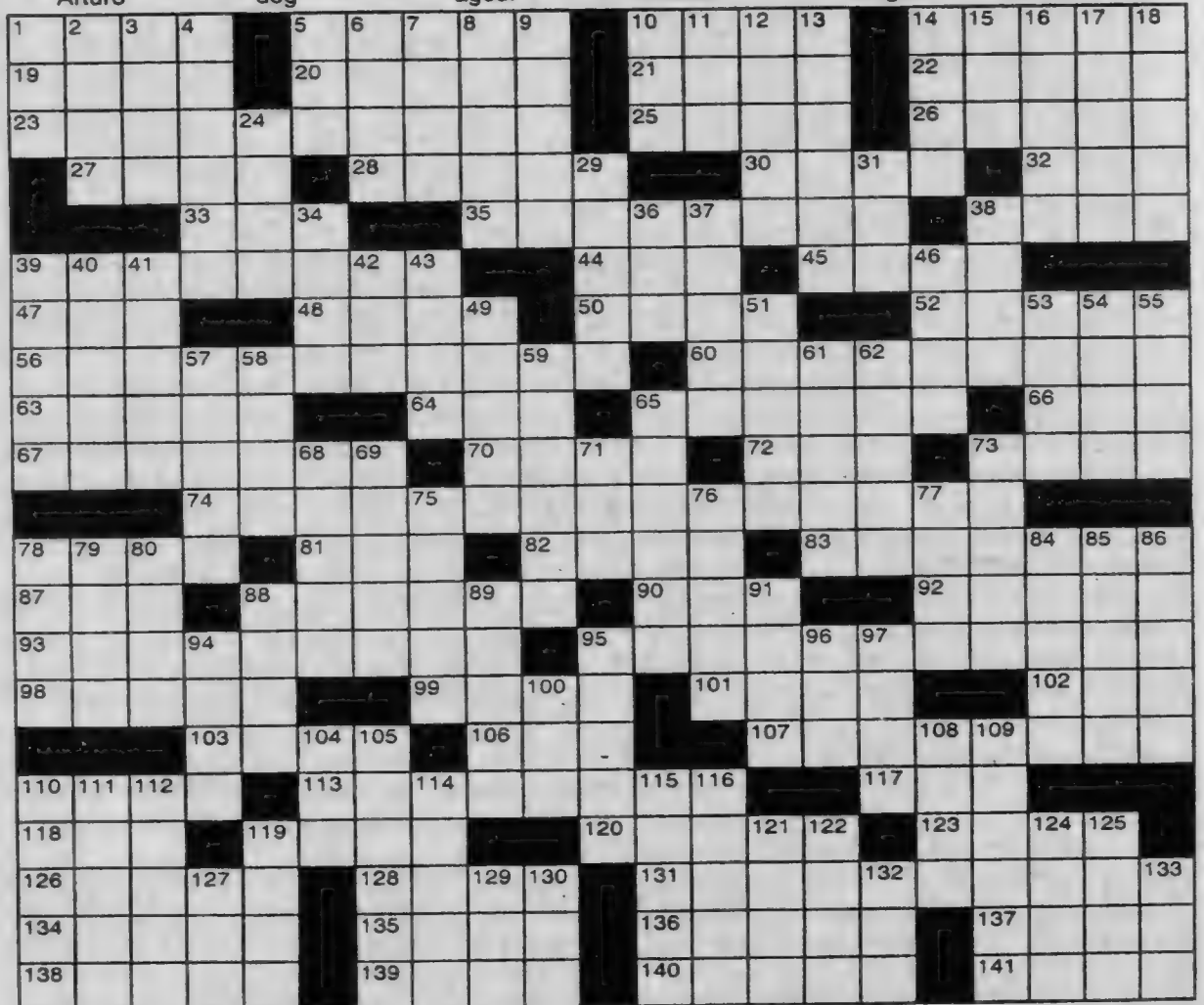
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- 4 Chicken little?
- 5 "— been ages!"
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- 8 Thalia's sister
- 9 Albert and Victoria
- 10 Mile High Center architect
- 11 Boathouse item
- 12 Sacred song
- 13 Costume sparkler
- 14 Kid
- 15 Castilian cry
- 16 Hefty herbivore
- 17 Short messages
- 18 Stick 'em in your ear
- 24 Actor Morales
- 29 Singer Summer
- 31 — Canals
- 34 Composer Thomas
- 36 August one?
- 37 Big revolver?
- 38 Holstein's home
- 39 Rome's — of Caracalla
- 40 Lucy's landlady
- 41 Marker
- 42 "Aladdin" frame

ACROSS

- 43 Grapefruit serving
- 46 Way
- 49 Deck of destiny
- 51 Dewy
- 53 Pickling herb
- 54 Baseball's Slaughter
- 55 Puerto —
- 57 City on the Allegheny
- 58 Reply to the Little Red Hen
- 59 One who no's best?
- 61 Smug smile
- 62 "The Color Purple" character
- 65 Kirsch kin
- 68 Sgt. Bilko
- 69 Campus digs
- 71 Designer Lapidus
- 73 Bronte's "— Grey"
- 75 Tom, Dick, and Harry
- 76 Skater Cohen
- 77 Franco of "Camelot"
- 78 Cougar
- 79 Landed
- 80 Gets hitched
- 84 "— Gay"
- 85 Big rigs
- 86 Choppers
- 88 Deal with a dragon

DOWN

- 89 Newsboy's shout
- 91 Kamm or Kristofferson
- 94 Contradict
- 95 Harnessed the oxen
- 96 Bird of prey
- 97 Abbreviated address
- 100 Sodom escapee
- 104 JFK abbr.
- 105 Fine fiber
- 108 Compassion
- 109 Moved like 116 Down
- 110 Woodworking tool
- 111 Postulate
- 112 Nile feature
- 114 Mysterious
- 115 Iron clothes?
- 116 Animal that roared?
- 119 Convent cubicle
- 121 Namu or Willy
- 122 Bloomsbury buggy
- 124 Roy Rogers' birthplace
- 125 Bruce or Laura
- 127 "Agnus —"
- 129 Journalist Tarbell
- 130 Roller-coaster unit
- 132 "— longa, vita brevis"
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Dysart Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Council Initiates Process for Affordable Housing Project

Nothing is cast in stone at the moment, but Reeve Murray Fearrey says that Council has heard indications of serious interest in an affordable housing development that could take place on municipal lands in the not too distant future. The parcel of land under consideration, located on County Road 21, east of the intersection with Peninsula Road, was previously used by the Ministry of Transportation as a patrol yard.

The province initiated an environmental site assessment and remediation project on the property and the site was rehabilitated to provincial standards. The municipality completed the process in 2008 and, according to Municipal Planner Pat Martin, a final report has confirmed that the property is now suitable for residential development. The lands to the east and west of the site are designated as commercial, but Martin says that the use of the area does not reflect the designation as there is a mix of commercial and residential uses in existence.

What is being considered at the present time is an Official Plan amendment to designate the area as Mixed Use. If a formal development proposal is received, a by-law amendment will also be required establishing a site specific zone suitable for the size, location and shape of the lot and to ensure compatibility with surrounding areas. Holding provisions will also be required to ensure that all of the necessary reports, studies and approvals are in place. The draft OP amendment will be considered at the next public meeting, scheduled for February 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Fearrey said, "There's been no offer to purchase; just an enquiry. But it makes sense to establish the zoning in anticipation of a proper proposal."

The need to provide for a variety of housing types has been identified and is being addressed as part of the Official Plan review. The land is located within the Haliburton Village Policy Area and the Haliburton Village Service Area and a development of this nature is encouraged by the Provincial Policy Statement. The location will also meet other PPS direction that requires that development will not contribute to increased demand for public services that may not be economical to provide and that new development of this nature have access directly onto County Roads.

No Pay Increases for Council

There'll be no pay increase for the Dysart Council this year. Saying that he had done some soul searching, Deputy Reeve Bill Davis said, "These are different times and people are hurting. It's time to lead by example." Davis said that he wished to decline any increase.

During 2007 Council adopted a by-law setting their remuneration and stipulating that on January 1st of each year the remuneration would increase by the lesser of either the Ontario's Consumer Price Index or the grid adjustment used for non-union employees. According to a memo from CAO Tammy McKelvey to Council, the CPI increase for last year was 2.5 percent, but Council deferred any increase for the year. The CPI for this year

amounted to one percent and to bring Council's remuneration up to date, it would mean an overall 3.5 percent increase.

Councillor Steve Pogue said that the by-law had been established so that an annual discussion of rate increases would not be necessary. "This has been a failure," he said, adding that each year it was discussed regardless of the by-law being in place. "Despite the economy, work still has to be done."

Councillor Derek Knowles said that putting the actual money aside, he agreed with Pogue. "The process that was put in place was fair and if we're not going by the by-law, we're being hypocritical. When is a good time to apply the increase?" Knowles said that Council as a well rescind the by-law completely and that they had missed a big opportunity to reduce discussion on the matter.

Reeve Murray Fearrey asked, "Are you saying we should just do it automatically?" Knowles again said that the by-law wasn't working. "The increase last year was deferred and it will be done again. Because they have been deferred, when you apply the increase in the future it could be quite a bump."

Davis agreed with Pogue and Knowles and suggested that the by-law be amended removing the section that deals with automatic increases. Councillor Andrea Roberts commented that she would rather either accept the increase or cancel it rather than deferring it again.

It was agreed unanimously that the by-law will be amended, removing the section authorizing automatic increases. The by-law will be brought forward for adoption next month.

Parking in a No-Park Zone Could Cost You

Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson says that his department is still struggling with vehicles parked on the side of the roads. Operators are trying to do their best to remove the piles of snow and slop along the roadsides and one municipal truck even got stuck in the ditch trying to get around an illegally parked vehicle, resulting in the cost of a tow truck and two operators during what he called "prime time."

Nicholson said that he had advised the owner of the vehicle that this was an example of his tax dollars at work, but the response was a shrug, even when advised that in future it could result in the vehicle being tagged and towed. Nicholson said, "It's unfortunate. We'll have to start playing hard ball and it will cost people," but Fearrey said that after three years of warnings, advertisements and articles in the papers something would have to be done.

Dysart to Purchase New Blower

Last week Nicholson advised Council that it was time to purchase a new blower. According to the Roads Super a used blower can be purchased for about \$35,000 with a new one costing from \$80,000 up to as much as \$120,000. He said "My personal preference is to go with a new one that can blow 1,000 tonnes an hour and it would be good value if we got 40 years out of it. According to Nicholson the old blower isn't worth a plug nickel and has already gone through several motors. Fearrey said, "This is a piece of equipment that doesn't pay for itself given the amount of hours that it is rented out." He suggested looking at the rates presently in place.

Council agreed that Nicholson should look into a new blower.

Medical Calls Continue to Dominate Fire Department's Call Volume

A review of Fire Chief Miles Maughan's Annual Report for 2009 shows that there were 132 calls for medical assistance during 2009 which represents 46 percent of their calls. The numbers are considerable when compared to 44 calls for fire responses (not including grass and brush fires which represent one percent of the call volumes). According to Maughan, the fires represented \$800,000 in damages compared to the \$1,554,300 in damages during 2008. This year the department gained four new members and Maughan said they were working out well. In addition student shadow fire fighters, who have assisted the department during a number of calls, continue to challenge the squads to better their training activities.

Camp Gan Israel Requesting Right of Way

In an effort to create a shorter route into Camp Gan Israel, Rabbi Grossbaum has asked the Dysart Council to consider granting them a right-of way from the Basshaunt Lake Road into their property so they can build their own private roadway. Councillor Dan Kaye was concerned that the terrain would not be conducive to bus traffic and that Sir Sam's and the Basshaunt Lake people may not be happy with the proposal. Councillor Knowles suggested consulting the Basshaunt Lake Association and Reeve Fearrey agreed that some compromise should be sought.

Road Superintendent Brian Nicholson commented that he would have real concerns if the camp was considering trying to access the camp with busses during the winter. ■

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Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Thursday evening, January 14, 2010 from 7-9p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday morning, January 15, 2010 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Fairview Cemetery, Acton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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great grandchildren and siblings.

Laurie O'Reilly

Figurative Artist Paints Real People in Real World Situations

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Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands



In an ever-changing society, what does the world look like through the eyes of our youth? See the work of figurative artist Laurie O'Reilly and you just might get a feel for what it's like to be a kid in this fast-paced 21st century, full of its various challenges.

For the past five years this West Guilford area acrylic artist has focused her creative efforts on depicting stages of life – those that are inspired by real people, places and situations, as well as the thoughts that are churned out of O'Reilly's own imagination.

"I did landscape work on my own before coming to the college [Haliburton School of the Arts]," explains O'Reilly of her previous artistic muse, "but I had always wanted to do figurative work."

Long before finding her place in the county's creative cluster and settling in the area, O'Reilly was in a significantly different stage of her life. Her university studies in Guelph put her in a field of work that was completely unrelated to the arts (the study of fish), and she was in the midst of raising a family. When more time became available in her schedule she returned to studies in Guelph, this time earning her minor in fine art. It was this second round of studies that led her to find her true niche.

And now that O'Reilly is comfortable with putting her brush to canvas, the quick-drying acrylic colours she uses work their magic, often depicting the rollercoaster ride of emotions children and teens experience on their rise to adulthood.

"Young people are always going through cultural changes, or life moment changes," says O'Reilly.

In her studio now, one will find a room full of paintings that highlight fatherhood. Absent fathers, young fathers, and fathers serving their country are all part of the theme O'Reilly will highlight at "Paternity Suite" – a Rails End Gallery exhibition scheduled to open May 8.

For most of the pieces, O'Reilly chose to utilize members of her own family as subject matter. Each person appears as they would in reality – with a few slight changes, and a little edgier if you will.

"That's my youngest son ... but he doesn't have all those tattoos," O'Reilly laughs, as she describes a piece entitled "Daddy's Little Girl". In the image the young man – covered with tattoos and sporting ear spacers – cradles his baby. The piece successfully shows the extreme visual contrasts between the innocent, sweet baby and her colourfully decorated father. It also shows how the two – as different in appearance as they are – can harmoniously coexist together.

O'Reilly has also started to dabble in mixed media. In one of her illustrations that portrays a proud father serving his country, a doll with an actual photo of the man slipped inside it has been attached to the piece.

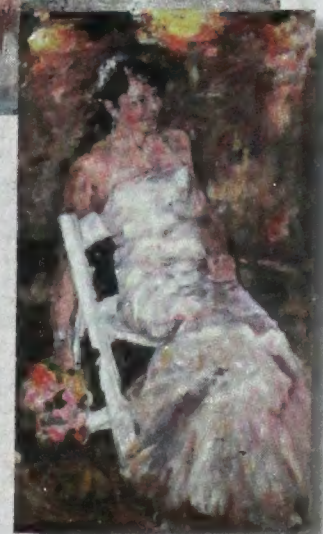
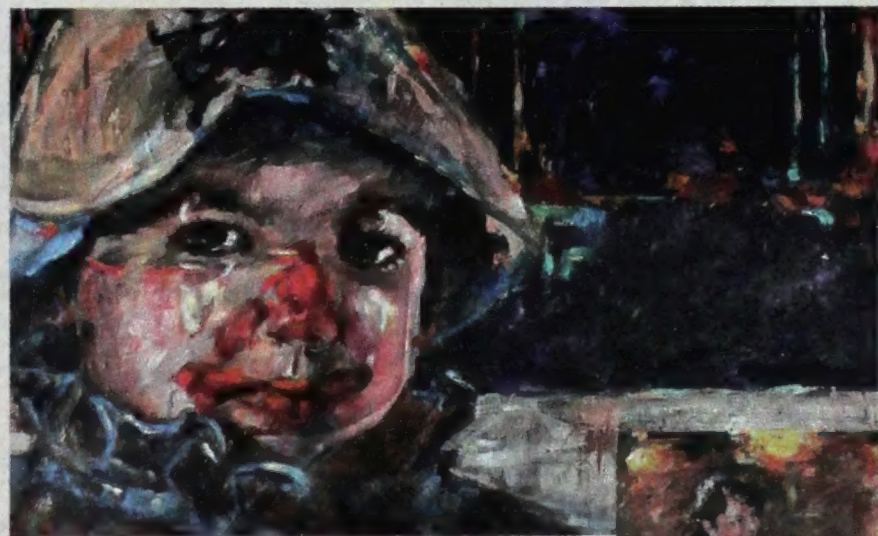
"I would love to do a whole room of dolls with faces in them ... for all the parents who are in Iraq and Afghanistan and their kids who are home."

O'Reilly's work is not only relevant to those who can relate to the North American culture; she is also reaching out to explore the common rituals practiced by children and adults in other parts of the world.

"I went to Jordan (Middle East) last year," she points out. "I talked to many young people and got photographic references. I'd like to do more of that in the future."

Want to see some of O'Reilly's work for yourself? Then look to these locations and events: The Art Hive, Tour de Forest Studio Tour, Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre (May 8 – June 20), Silver Bridge Gallery in Bracebridge, and her own studio at 1513 Eagle Lake Rd. in West Guilford.

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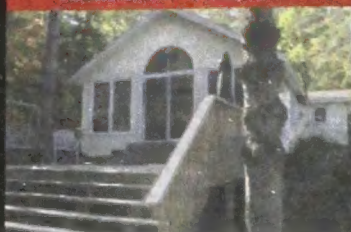
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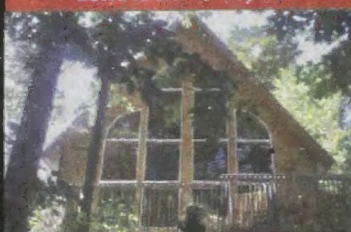
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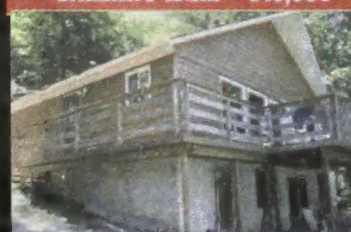
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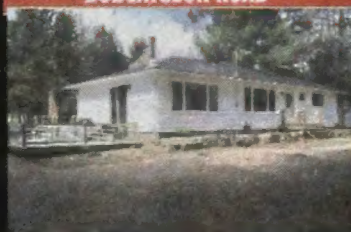
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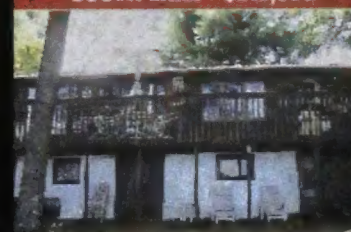
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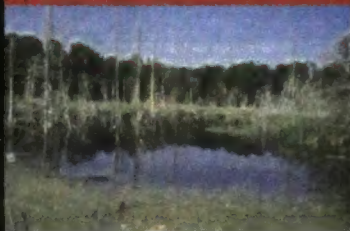
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